

NOVEL METHOD

Used to Regain Stolen Plunder.

Robbers Placed Under Trip Hammer and Informed

It Would Be

DROPPED UPON THEM

Unless They Told Where the

Stolen Goods Were Being Concealed.

Frightful Stories About the Fighting Going on in Interior.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Despite the statement that two army corps are being sent to the Baltic provinces it is learned that no such number of troops is available. The government has sent two regiments from St. Petersburg in reply to the frantic appeals for reinforcements but it is considered too dangerous to deplete the garrison of the capital any further during the present crisis and the government can only await the arrival of the Cossacks and other troops which are being hurried forward by General Linavitch from Manchuria. In the meantime the government's fear is that the rebellion which is extending southward to the Polish frontier may arouse the Poles to an armed uprising.

Reliable details regarding the establishment of the so-called republic of Kharkoff have at last arrived. The workmen's socialist organizations joined by three hundred troops took possession of the city and with the aid of militia armed with rifles, revolvers and axes established a government or "Federal council" as the executive committee was called. This council issued decrees which the authorities were perfectly powerless to resist. The council turned off the electricity from the houses on the ground that it only benefits the rich while allowing it to burn in the streets where it benefited the people and declared war on the thieves who had previously been terrorizing the city. When a robber was captured he was placed under a trip-hammer with the threat that it would be dropped unless he revealed the whereabouts of the booty. This usually was effective in each case and the recovered plunder was returned to its owners. Two notorious robbers were hanged in the public square.

Mitau, Province, Courland, Russia, Dec. (Undated) by mail from St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—Frightful stories are pouring in from the interior where desperate fighting has occurred between the troops and insurgents. Revolting tales are told of the barbarities practiced on the German landlords, who are more detested by the Letts than the Russians. In a fight near Takum fourteen dragons were killed and sixteen wounded. It is estimated that the insurgents lost three hundred men killed.

A squadron of cavalry were ambushed and cut up near Grossaust and limped into Mitau with its wounded.

New York City, Dec. 19.—The cable companies received notice today that telegraphic communication with St. Petersburg has been severed again.

MOURNED AS LOST: BESIDE HER LOVER.

Van Wert, Ohio, Dec. 19.—Annie Lynch, the junior high school girl who disappeared last week, was returned home, accompanied by Mrs. Martin, mother of the young man she is in love with. She explained that the young man had suffered a fractured limb a few weeks ago; that she was anxious to see him and was afraid her parents would not consent to her going if she asked their consent.

BOILER BLEW UP.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 19.—The boiler of a freight engine on the Wilmington & Northern railroad, blew up today near Birdsboro, killing Wm. E. Hesser, the fireman, and fatally scalding H. W. Leinbach, the engineer, and Wm. T. Ahlman, a brakeman.

TARIFF WORK FOR FILIPINOS.

Washington, Dec. 19.—By a vote of seven to five the house committee on ways and means reported favorably today on the Payne bill admitting all Philippine products in to the United States free, excepting sugar and tobacco which are to pay 25 per cent of the bingle rates until 1909 when they also are to go on the free list. Two amendments were made to the measure originally introduced in the house by Mr. Payne. At the suggestion of Representative Hill, of Connecticut, a provision was added that all American sugar and tobacco are to be admitted into the Philippines free of duty and a new section was added which provides that no Philippine products in warehouses now in the U. S. shall be exported for duties under the proposed measure.

PLEADED GUILTY AND PAID FINES.

Columbus, O., Dec. 19.—About half of the prominent manufacturers and business men who were arrested yesterday on the charge of employing boys under 14 years old, in violation of the child labor law, appeared today before Justice Courts and either pleaded guilty and paid their fines or had their hearings set for some future date. E. C. Gohre, the saloonist and bowling alley man, C. A. Bond, the dry goods man, and John Gelhausen, of Bowditchington dry goods company were all fined.

BULLETIN.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—At a meeting of the convention of the workmen's organization at Moscow, it has been decided to begin a general strike tonight.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION.

Budapest, Hungary, Dec. 19.—The terms of the proposed universal male suffrage bill made public today give the franchise to all Hungarians over twenty-four years of age who are able to read and write, provided that voting shall be direct and secret and that any one entitled to vote shall also be qualified for election provided he has been a Hungarian subject for ten years and has not been sentenced for dishonest practices.

SAFE BLOWERS MAKE GOOD HAUL.

Sandusky, O., Dec. 19.—Safe blowers secured \$300, at the meat market of Martin Cecile at 1:30 this morning and escaped. The police did not know of the job until daylight.

Cecile, who lives next door to the meat market, heard the explosion, but was afraid to confront the burglars, and did not even get a glimpse of them. They were evidently experts. The explosion did no damage except to break open the safe door.

REASON IS FOUND

For the Failure of Walsh, the Chicago Banker,

on Monday.

IT COMES VIA AKRON

And Charges That Rockefeller by Hard Competition Downed Him.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 19.—A special from Akron, Ohio, to the News says that ruinous competition for years with John D. Rockefeller in the Ohio gas field was an important factor in the financial downfall of John R. Walsh and his banking institutions in Chicago. Walsh bought the Akron gas plant in 1908 and was at that time charging \$1.25 per thousand for his product. The same year a company backed by John D. Rockefeller piped natural gas from West Virginia and put the price at 20 cents. For several years the Walsh company maintained its old rate and then made a cut to 25 cents in order to retain its patrons. In the last three years both companies have charged 30 cents and this, it is said, was only half the cost to Walsh. Walsh's losses, it is believed, has been a major factor in his financial situation. It is known that Mr. Walsh planned in the event of success in Akron to carry the war into all parts of Ohio.

TWO SERIOUS TRAIN WRECKS.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 19.—Two wrecks occurred on the Baltimore & Ohio Railway today, the first a rear end collision of two freight trains near Hedgesville. The dead are: H. A. Haas, fireman, Mount Savage; G. Giles, brakeman, Cumberland, Md.

The fatally injured are: Wm. H. Care, conductor, Martinsburg, W. Va.; Seriously injured: Wm. W. Foster, engineer, Brunswick, Md.; arm broken; engineer G. W. Houseworth, arm broken; fireman Haas jumped when he saw a collision was impending and was struck and killed by a passenger train which passed as the trains were coming together. Engineer Houseworth and brakeman Giles were caught in the wreckage. Giles was rolled down the embankment with several cars on top of him. He was dead when taken out.

A Baltimore & Ohio freight train went over an embankment near Cooks Mills, above Cumberland today, twenty-two loaded cars were piled up in one mass.

ARMED GUARDS ARE DOING DUTY.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.—Armed guards and patrols are maintained here to cope with a possible renewal of the disturbances. The streets are filled with rowdies. The shops are open but looting is greatly feared. The United States cruiser Baltimore will land a force today and the British cruiser Diadem is sending 500 men ashore. Other warships are expected and it is reported that German troops are coming here from Kiauchau.

The Chinese newspapers say the rowdies proposed to take advantage of the mixed crowd dispute to attack and loot the foreign settlement.

FACING DEATH

Two Men Buried Deep In Tunnel,

While Two Hundred Comrades Work Vigorously to Save Them.

THIRTY HOURS THEY

Have Been Entombed With

Three Forms of Death Confronting Them.

Rescuers Have Ten Feet of

Solid Concrete Yet to Blast Out.

NEW YORK, DEC. 19.—TWO OF THE MEN WHO HAD BEEN BURIED IN THE EAST RIVER TUNNEL FOR NEARLY FORTY HOURS, WERE TAKEN OUT THIS AFTERNOON. DIVERS PENETRATED THE TUNNEL IN A BOAT. WORKMEN ARE STILL TRYING TO FORCE A HOLE THROUGH THE ROOF OF THE TUNNEL.

WHEN THE RESCUED WORKMEN HAD RECOVERED SUFFICIENTLY TO SPEAK INTELLIGENTLY, THEY SAID THEY WERE THE ONLY MEN CAUGHT IN THE TUNNEL AND THE RESCUERS CEASED WORK UPON THE SHAFT WHICH WAS BEING PUSHED THROUGH THE CONCRETE.

New York, Dec. 19.—The first words to be spoken to their rescuers by the two men imprisoned forty feet deep in the Penna tunnel, came through an iron pipe at noon today.

"For God's sake hurry up" was the message. The speaker said no more than this to indicate what his plight might be.

The rescuing party then had only 7 feet more to drill through the cement roof of the tunnel where the men have been buried for 36 hours. The message was transmitted through the pipe which is being used to pump air into the tunnel. It was expected that several hours would be required to dig through the cement barrier.

Morning Star.

New York, Dec. 19.—Two men buried forty feet deep in a tunnel, facing death in three different forms—by starvation, suffocation or drowning, and about 200 of their comrades a few feet above them digging to save their lives was the situation today at the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel in Long Island City. For more than 30 hours these two workmen have been entombed in this tunnel by the cave in of its mouth, and with no means certain that there are only two men buried. The police of Long Island City say there are six.

The tunnel is being built under the East River to Manhattan Island, but the entombed men are not under the river bed. They are sealed up in the approach under Long Island City and it is reported that the water from the river which now fills the part of the tunnel directly under the river bed is kept from the by the force of the compressed air continually pumped into the prison chamber. The workers assert that the water must have flowed into the part of the tunnel where their comrades are buried and that they have saved themselves from its rise by climbing upon a ledge of rock on the roof of the tunnel. The rescuers are slaking a forty foot shaft straight toward the roof of the tunnel, as near to the place where the workmen are supposed to be as possible. There is danger that at last when the shaft pierces the roof of the tunnel, it will let the pressed air out and allow the water to engulf the men before their comrades can take them out.

The life shaft was 30 feet deep today but there was still about ten feet of solid concrete forming the roof of the tunnel to be pierced. This was the work of several hours, involving the use of dynamite to expedite it if at any time the signals of the buried men became faint and indicated that some thing had gone wrong in their tunnel chamber. They signalled incessantly by rapping on the iron pipes through which air is being pumped to them. Watching every move of the diggers from the mouth of the life shaft last night was Mrs. Frank Cale, the wife of one of the men believed to be in the tunnel. Today she was joined by her four children to watch the final piercing of the tunnel.

What will be done at the moment when the tunnel roof is opened has caused the workers much worry. It has been planned to have divers ready to enter the hole if the water rises too high and at least to be prepared to drop a boat through the opening in case the men are not near enough to be reached by any other means.

STEAM BARGE SANK.

Marquette, Wis., Dec. 19.—The steam barge Fred Mercury sank on the Ocoeeo Reef in Green Bay yesterday. She attempted to reach the port of Green Bay rough the ice fields. Her bow was pierced and to save her the captain ran her on the reef. The tug Nelson and steam barge Pawawake of Sturgeon Bay are lightering her and she will be brought here for repairs.

HE WAS TIPSY AT ROLL CALL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The senate began its session today by passing a bill for the relief of a dead man, the late Lieut. Wm. H. Hugo, who was cashiered in 1881, as Mr. Pettus, who reported the bill said, for the offense of being "tipsy" at roll call. The senator said the bill had passed the senate every session since he had been a member.

FRIENDS FOR YEARS DIED SAME HOUR.

Findlay, O., Dec. 19.—Sylvester Davis, postmaster at Mt. Cory, dropped dead this morning from heart disease while distributing mail at his office. He was 65 years of age and a veteran of the Civil War. He left a wife and five children.

About the same time in the little village of Arcadia, H. H. Nye, the postmaster died from stomach trouble. Mr. Nye was 70 years of age and had been postmaster of the village for five years. He leaves a wife and one child.

The two postmasters had been old-time friends.

WHITE NAMED.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Ambassador White, who has been named as one of the representatives of the United States at the approaching Morocco conference, has informed Secretary Root of the proposition now being placed before European governments to change the place for the conference from Algiers to Madrid.

CORONER HAS HIS SUSPICIONS.

Elyria, O., Dec. 19.—Dr. French, the coroner, said this morning that he would hold the inquest on the Lorain fire victims in a few days—the latter part of this week or the first of next.

"I still regard many things in regard to the affair as suspicious," said the coroner, "and I intend to hold an investigation and get to the bottom of it."

"There are many stories and rumors and I cannot learn the truth about them until I have a thorough investigation. I will hold the inquest in Lorain and summon everybody who can give me facts about fire and the death of the victims."

HOME FOR BAD BOYS

Destroyed at an Early Hour But Fortunately no Lives Lost.

IMPRISONED YOUTHS

Fought Bravely to Prevent Other Buildings From Burning Down.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Boys Reform School of the District of Columbia, located some distance outside of Washington, caught fire at 3 o'clock this morning and the main building in which were housed 300 boys was totally destroyed, the loss is estimated at \$50,000. No lives were lost.

As soon as the alarm was sounded the guards set about rescuing the boys, at the same time summoning to their aid the police reserves in the ninth precinct. It is not believed that any of the prisoners got away from institution. In fact, most of them rendered valuable aid to the members of the fire department in the effort to save the surrounding structures and it is said, were under good control of their guards from the start.

The cause of the fire is not definitely known, but it is believed to have resulted from spontaneous combustion among some goods stored on the fourth floor of the building. Many supplies also were destroyed.

EXCITEMENT IS ABATING

New York, Dec. 19.—Bishop Jas. W. Bashford, of the Methodist Episcopal church, who has his Episcopal residence in Shanghai, China, has cabled to the Missionary society of his diocese to the Missionary society of his denomination in this city as follows: "Excitement is abating, government efficient, all are safe."

The last sentence is taken by the recipients of the cablegram to mean that property and workers of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Methodist Episcopal church south, at Shanghai, have not been disturbed by participants in the uprising.

MONEY FOR NATIONAL HOME.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The secretary of war today transmitted to congress through the secretary of the treasury an estimate for an appropriation made by the board of managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for \$149,500. Of this amount, \$12,000 is for the construction of a chapel at the eastern branch, Togus, Maine, \$129,000 for the purchase of additional land at the southern branch, Hampton, Va., \$5,000 for the construction of chaplain quarters at the Illinois branch and \$5,500 for salaries of the inspector general and chief surgeon.

THE JAPS ARE ON.

Tokio, Dec. 19.—Owing to the disturbances at Shanghai the Japanese cruiser Tushima has been dispatched there from Sasaba and the gunboat Uji has been ordered to sail from Kure for the same destination.

NOT A RIPPLE

In the Banking Circles of Chicago.

Business Opened This Morning With Conditions Back to Normal.

ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED

Depositors Were in Line,

When Home Savings Bank Opened.

It Is Believed all Moneys in Walsh Banks Will Be Withdrawn.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Practically normal conditions were restored in banking circles here today, and there was not the slightest surface indication of the disturbance caused yesterday and the suspension of the Walsh banks. The runs on the Chicago National and the Home Savings Banks continued, but there was no excitement whatever around the National Bank, and but very little in the offices of the Home Savings Bank.

A large crowd of depositors gathered before the Savings Bank about an hour before time for opening the doors and all of them apparently desired to be the first to obtain money. There was but one policeman on duty in front of the building, and he was hopelessly over-matched. He sent in a call for aid, and in a short time Lieut. Hartford with a detail of officers had arrived and formed the depositors in a long line. The pushing and shoving by persons who wanted to be first through the doors having been stopped by the officers, quiet was at once restored.

About five hundred men were in line when the bank opened, and the work of paying them off went on rapidly. It is believed that by tomorrow night the major part of the deposits in both the Chicago National and in the Home Savings Banks will be withdrawn.

Bedford National bank of which John R. Walsh, of Chicago, is president, and principal stockholder opened for business today the room soon became filled with small depositors who were paid as fast as possible. There was little excitement, but the withdrawal of funds by small depositors continued. Other banks offered assistance but it was declined as unnecessary.

WORKMEN SUFFOCATED.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 19.—Wm. Moore and Elmer Waldron, employees of the Mahoning Fuel company were suffocated at noon today in a natural gas pit on Mahoning avenue. They had entered the pit to make some repairs.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The president sent the following nominations today to the senate, chief justices of the court of claims, Stanton J. Peelle, Indiana. Judge of the Court of Claims, Samuel S. Barney, Wisconsin.

JUMPED FROM CAR IN MOTION.

Columbus, Dec. 19.—Congressman W. Aubrey Thomas, lost his suit in the supreme court today. He had an accident policy for \$350 and was injured in alighting from a street car some time ago. The company refused to pay the policy because he had gotten off the car while it was moving. Mr. Thomas sued and the case finally reached the supreme court which today held for the company on the grounds that Thomas stepped off the car before it had stopped.

THREE HUNDRED HOUSES BURNED.

Constantinople Dec. 19.—The latest despatch received from Tiflis today says that three hundred houses in the Musselman quarter were set on fire by armed Armenians who prevented the inmates from leaving and fired on the firemen who attempted to extinguish the flames. The total number of Musselman killed is not yet ascertained, but fifty-seven Turkish subjects are known to have perished. The fighting was continued December 17th, when the telegram was forwarded and the Turkish consulate was over crowded with refugees.

A telegram of the same date from Batoum, Caucasia, reports a continuance of the disorders there. Great fears of a massacre prevailed in the Musselman community.

The government transport Ismail has left Constantinople for Batoum to take off the Turkish.

LIEB'S SUCCESSOR.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—It is learned on good authority that Jos. Bosler, of Philadelphia, will be appointed assistant U. S. treasurer at Philadelphia, in place of Wm. Lieb, recently removed.

RUNNING FIGHT WITH ROBBERS.

Hamilton, O., Dec. 19.—A pistol fight between a detective and armed robbers who had partly wrecked the safe of the American and Schaefer Grain Elevator in West Hamilton early today. The robbers fled, but are supposed to be two men who were arrested running away from the scene. The detective had been warned by a telephone message sent to headquarters by an unknown person. The lookout tried to stop the detective but quick revolver action drove the lookout away and warned the other robbers. The safe is said to have been empty.

TAGGART CASE AGAIN IN COURT.

Wooster, O., Dec. 19.—The hearing of the motion of a new trial in the Taggart divorce case was begun this morning, Capt. and Mrs. Taggart were not present and will not be here. E. S. Werts and Jas. R. Sterling represented Capt. Taggart, James B. Taylor, J. C. McClarran, Chas. Jones and Lyman Critchfield were present for Mrs. Taggart.

It was learned positively today that \$80,000 of the funds left to Mrs. Taggart by her foster parents, is held by the Equitable Trust Co., of Chicago, among the institutions which are involved as a result of the financial troubles of John R. Walsh.

CASSIE WANTS A REHEARING.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 19.—A motion to advance the application for a rehearing of the appeal of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, was filed in the United States circuit court of appeals by District Attorney Sullivan today. However, as the court had already adjourned for the holidays the motion could not be heard and Mr. Sullivan told Judge Richards, the only member of the court now in the city that he believed January 8th would be a date convenient to all concerned.

HOLIDAY BUSINESS

Of the Express Companies Reaches the Maximum Holiday Figures.

CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

Should Be Forwarded as Early as Possible for Safe Delivery.

The employees of the various Lima express offices will have a busy week of it in caring for the holiday business. For the past several days the business of the companies has been increasing and will reach its maximum volume this week.

There are many people who send their presents out of the city through the express service, although many postpone sending the same until almost Christmas. In speaking to an expressman yesterday, he said that articles should be shipped today or as early as possible in order to avoid the heavy rush and possible delay in arrival. The express companies will give the shippers a small label to paste on the packages reading, "Don't open until Christmas."

Wooden boxes are desired for packing, as they reduce the danger of loss or damage in transmission. The wooden boxes may cost a few cents more for express charges, but the recipient, as a rule, will not find a damaged present. The companies also request that the address in full be written with ink or crayon. Tags are frequently lost. The address of the shipper should also be inscribed on the package, which should be done up with heavy paper and tied with strong cord. If the package contains anything perishable it should be marked so.

BEAT THE JUDGE.

Columbus, O., Dec. 19.—Jas. T. Gay committed suicide in the county jail at Martin Perry today, by hanging himself with a blanket. He was to go on trial Saturday on the charge of forgery.

SERIOUS INJURIES

Sustained by Harry Bradford This Afternoon.

Harry Bradford, a married man residing at 813 east High street, and who has been employed at the Riverside mills, at the east Market street and Bellefontaine avenue bridge, had his clothing caught by a revolving shaft at the mill this afternoon and before the machinery was stopped, one of his legs and one arm was broken. His injuries are serious and he was immediately removed to the city hospital.

MANY PLAYERS

From Northwestern Ohio Will Attend Tourney.

Announcement has been made of the holiday session of the Ohio State Checker Association which will convene in Middletown at the City Hotel on December 25th and 26th.

A number of local players from here Crideraville and Wapak, together with Ottawa and Bellefontaine experts will go down to enter the contests.

AFTER OTHERS

Small Fry Insurance Companies

Are Being Investigated by

Armstrong and His

Shrewd Aides.

MORE FAMILY DEALS.

Life Association of America

Has Few Townsleys on Pay Roll.

President Compelled to Return Large Sum Allowed Him by Directors.

New York, Dec. 19.—Henry P. Townsley, president of the Life Association of America, resumed his testimony before the Armstrong insurance committee today. He said that when his company started business as a stock company it had \$268,000 in its treasury which was all obtained from the sale of stock.

President Townsley received a salary of \$12,000, the treasurer \$3,000, the directors \$3,000 and the general counsel \$6,000 a year. C. W. Townsley, son of the president is the secretary and acts as a general agent. He receives no salary, but receives commissions which amounted last year to \$4,400. The medical director is Geo. Van Sheck, a brother of the general counsel, who with the witness organized the company.

Mr. Townsley said his company had about 150 annual dividend policies of which about half a dozen had drawn dividends of 15 per cent. The average premiums collected on a \$1,000 policy about \$40. The average reserve is 60 per cent of the premium after the first year. The first year is \$8 or \$9 a thousand. The average cost of medical examination is \$3 or \$4 a thousand. About half the business written remains on the books. The remainder lapses. Witness said that the payment of \$50,000 to himself and Eugene Van Sheck voted by the board of directors for services in organizing the company came under the notice of the insurance department and this department referred it to the attorney general who demanded that the money be returned to the company. The Life Association of America, witness said, does business in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Illinois, Alabama, California and Rhode Island. The association was defamed from doing business in New Jersey last year.

THE IDLER.

Miss Fayth Downing has accepted a position as treasurer for Faust's opera house under Manager Maxwell.

The many friends of that jovial old bachelor, Curtis F. Ash, who was in business in this city up to a few years ago, will be surprised to learn that he has been caught in Cupid's net at last. Cards were received today announcing that his marriage to Miss Emma Cullom will take place at Park Lane, Ill., on December 26th. Miss Cullom is a niece of United States Senator Cullom, of Illinois.

A very pleasant surprise was given Monday night in honor of Mr. Edward Hoberhauer, in celebration of his 15th birthday at the home of his parents on North West street.

The evening was enjoyed in playing games, music and singing, after which at a late hour a three course lunch was served.

Among those that were present were: Naola Roush, Lillie Krelenbuhl, Elmore Clark, Anna Stevenson, Robert McClellan Geo. Stemen, Itee Legg, Dilla Roush, Anna Roush, Paul Hohl, Stella Bernatt, Wilbur Everett, John Mcetheany, Beryl Paine, Fred Patrick, Mary Burkhardt, Henry Stevenson, Charley Clark, of Ada; Harry Amstutz, of Bluffton; Walter Milnor, of Wapak; Edward Hoberhauer, Beside Hoberhauer, Francis Hoberhauer, and Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson. Many beautiful presents were received. At a late hour all departed for their homes, wishing him many more such happy birthdays.

Supt. Higby, of the Children's Home, wishes that all persons who intend to make Christmas donations of toys or other articles to the children at the home, would put their names upon the packages and leave them at Piper's grocery by Saturday evening.

The Pabst cafe, which was recently purchased by Sham Ettlinger from Maxwell & Co., has been forfeited by the former and is again in possession of John and Charles Maxwell.

Seven years ago yesterday occurred the funeral of Calvin S. Brice.

W. H. Moore, president of the National Good Roads Association, passed through Lima this morning. To a Times-Democrat representative he said he expected to pay Lima a visit shortly after Christmas.

STOCK MARKET

Opening Prices Showed Little Change.

Some Leading Stock, Among Them Steel, Showed Stiff Declines.

UNSETTLED WEATHER

Throughout the Country Gave Boost to Prince of May Wheat.

Quotations on Live Stock, Grain, Produce and Provisions.

New York, Dec. 19.—Opening prices in the stock market showed few changes. Small gains largely predominated, but there were some important stocks showing declines, including the U. S. Steel stocks and Penna. Great Northern pld., rose 1/4, and Northern Pacific, Rock Island pld., Brooklyn Transit, Metropolitan St. Ry. and Sugar large fractions. Peoples Gas and North American fell 1/4.

The break in Peoples Gas of more than 3 points, increased the profit taking. Colorado Fuel lost its entire rise. Prices steadied again but the trading became dull. Ches. & Ohio, National Railroad of Mexico pld., and Mexico Central was pushed up 1 point. Profit taking was renewed and the reaction further extended with some importance. Reading relaxed to a large fraction under last night and the closing was active and easy.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Close: Wheat, Dec. 86 1/2; May 88 1/2.

Corn, Dec. 45 1/2; old 50; May 44 1/2.

Oats, Dec. 30 3/4 @ 31.

Pork, Jan. 12 5/8; May 13 4/8.

Lard, Dec. 7 5/8; May 7 1/2; July 7 1/2.

Toledo Grain.

Toledo, O., Dec. 19.—Wheat, cash and Dec. 89 1/4; May 91 1/4; July 85 1/4.

Corn, cash and Dec. 44 1/4; May 41 1/4.

Oats, cash and Dec. 33 1/4.

Clover seed, cash 8 1/8; Jan. 8 2/4; Feb. 8 2/4; March 8 3/8.

Pittsburg Live Stock.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 19.—Cattle receipts light; market steady.

Hogs, receipts 1,500; heavy \$5.35; medium \$5.33; heavy Yorkers \$5.30; 5.35; light Yorkers \$5.25; pigs \$5.15 @ 5.20.

Sheep receipts 600; sheep \$5.60; lambs \$7.75; best wether \$1.75 @ 5.75; good \$4.50 @ 5.50; fair \$4.40 @ 5; culls and common \$2 @ 3.50; culls to choice lambs \$5 @ 7.50.

Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Cattle receipts 7,000. Market strong; beefs 3.40 @ 6.50; cows and heifers 1.40 @ 4.75; stockers and feeders 2.50 @ 4.25; westerns 3.50 @ 4.75.

Hogs receipts 31,000, market strong, mixed and butchers 4.75 @ 5.95; good heavy 4.90 @ 5.05; rough heavy 4.75 @ 4.85; light 4.80 @ 5.00; pigs 4.40 @ 4.90; bulk of sales 4.85 @ 4.95.

Sheep receipts 13,000, market steady sheep 4.00 @ 5.75; lambs 4.75 @ 7.75.

May Wheat Advanced.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—On reports of unsettled weather throughout the United

ADVERTISED THEIR TRADE.

Calling of Professional Men Once Told by Their Dress.

"Professional men do some things better than they used to," declared an attorney who doesn't practice if he can help it.

"That is," he went on to explain, "professional men don't do some things they once did, and I think they're the better for it. There was a time, when I was growing up, when they advertised their calling by means of their dress. You could pick out a clergyman as far as you could see him, and it was much the same with lawyers. Nowadays preachers and pleaders wear raiment which makes them look like prosperous business men or high toned sports, and they seem to be more approachable and companionable, whether they are or not.

"But the greatest change in this respect has taken place among the physicians, not so much their clothes, perhaps, as their manner. I can remember when the old fashioned doctor entered a sickroom you felt that the jig was up, even if you were suffering from nothing more serious than a scratched ear, and you were sorry you hadn't led a better life. He'd throe in with a face that reached from his forehead to his knees, clear his throat, whisper to mother, take out his watch, feel for your pulse and gaze gloomily into space—the spiciest, farthest away space ever. Then he'd whisper to mother again, write a prescription and steal out.

"Is there no hope? I used to ask mother.

"However, as I said, that's all gone by. They're cheerful and breezy when they appear, an odor of fresh air and maybe the smell of a cigar are clinging to them, and they laugh at your fears and talk out loud. That's a sight better than medicine in most cases. The trouble is I don't often have the luck to be ill lately."—Providence Journal.

TROT OR GALLOP?

A Problem For People With Even Very Sharp Eyes.

Here is a problem for people with sharp eyes: As we all know, a horse when walking or trotting advances only one leg of each pair at a time, but when galloping lifts both forefeet together and then both hind feet. Now, the question is how other animals manage this matter. The birds, of course, flap both wings together, but which birds run and which hop? We human beings "trot" when we walk and "gallop" when we swim—that is, if we are using the plain breast stroke. The dog, however, "trots" for both. Now, do the amphibious animals—the seals, otters and the rest—swim like men or like other four footed creatures?

Then there are the fish. One would rather expect that, as they move their tails from side to side, they would flap alternately with the fins, which are their hands and feet. Who can tell whether they do or not, and whether all fish at all times follow one rule? By the way, how does a frog use its "hands"? The great anatomist, E. Ray Lankester, has pointed out that, while the "limbs and legs," such as our common galleyworm, advance two feet of a pair together, the centipede, which are much like them, do exactly the opposite, and the swimming worms also alternate the stroke of each pair of paddles.

Few people can tell on which system the caterpillar manages its dozen or so legs or whether the adult insect walks, trots, paces or gallops on its six. How does the spider use eight? Altogether, this is a large field for observation, a field, too, where any one may discover new facts as yet unrecorded, and thus add to the store of knowledge.

The Breathing Earth.

That the earth breathes is a well known scientific fact. It is often to be verified by that peculiar earthy smell which arises immediately after a thunderstorm, the lowering of the barometric pressure causing the flow upward of air, just as it is once more squeezed downward when the barometer rises. A resident of Geneva discovered a natural barometer at Ferney-Voltaire. It is a deep natural well or cave with a very small opening. When this opening is made small enough just to fit a whistle the different sounds as the earth inhales or exhales the air warn the neighbors of the coming weather. A lighted match or a feather shows the direction of the flow as well. It is said to be an excellent weather prophet.

The "Man Eater."

Lower California is the home of a species of lizard which appears to be at least a second cousin of the famed "Gila monster." It is of a mottled yellow and brown color and only about fifteen inches long. The natives of that region have given it the terrible name of "man eater," because it has a habit of attacking every human being it sees, going at one open mouthful, but does not appear to mind either wild or domestic animals. The man eater's body is almost as brittle as that of the mythical "joint snake."

Put Them Off Till Tomorrow.

Some things are very much better put off until tomorrow. Among them are the reprimands you mean to deliver, the defiance you mean to express, the resignation you mean to hand in to a heartless employer. Put off doing these and you'll probably discover that you don't have to do them.

The Sin of It.

Maud—Is it true that Millie's engagement is broken off? Clara—Yes; she accused Jack of stealing a kiss. Maud—Why, that's nothing, surely. Clara—Ah, but he stole it from another girl.

Memory is the primary and fundamental power without which there could be no other intellectual operation.—Johnson.

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TOQUE IN SABLE WITH PARADISE PLUME.

The verge of the fur hat has made the possessors of fine sable skins hand them over to the tender mercies of the milliner and delightfully fetching and becoming toques are fashioned from them. The styles that will cut into the valuable pelt least are those that are most in favor. A charming example is that pictured, in which a shape reminiscent of the torpeda turban, that had such a run is followed. The flat skin is laid lengthwise along

the crown, the sides filled in with soft brown velvet that reproduces to some extent the coloring of the fur. The pointed brim is similarly covered, and underneath there is soft brown chiffon against the hair. The long paradise plume is laid close to the hat at the left side, the colorings shading from brown at the quill through the burnt orange shades into a creamy white for the greater part of the length. A Napoleon rosette of fur, gold braid and quilled ribbon is posted at the left side with a very fetching effect.



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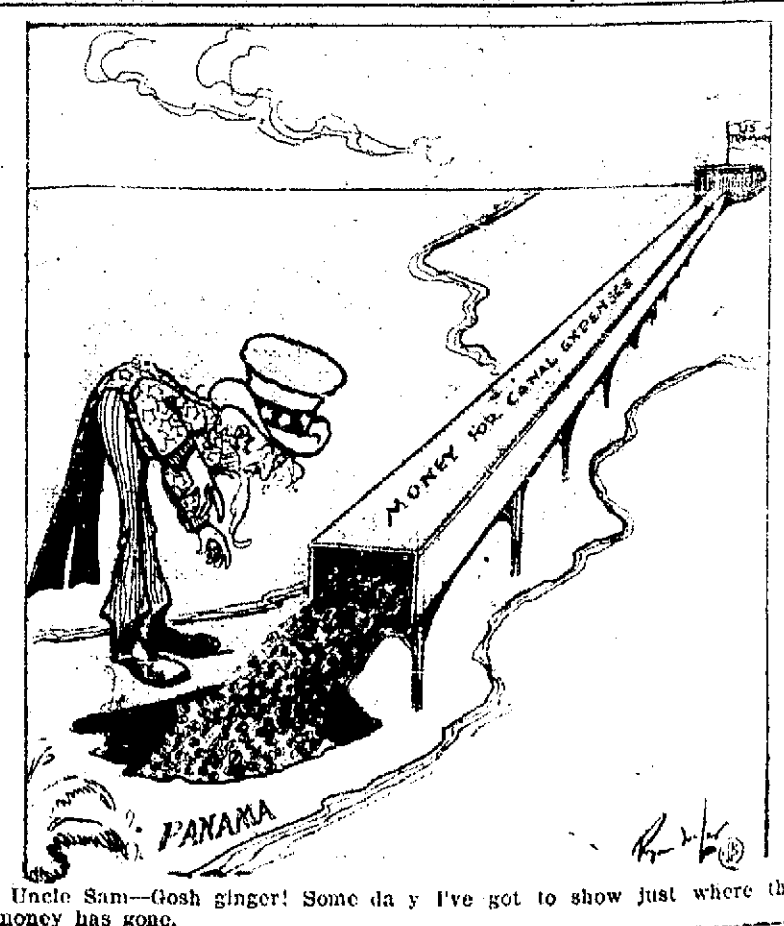
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Uncle Sam—Gosh ginger! Some day I've got to show just where that money has gone.

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AN ORDINANCE

To Grant New Lighting Franchise

Introduced in the City Council at Meeting Last Night.

A DELPHOS PROMOTER

Desires to Interest Lima Capital in Proposed Plant.

Effort to Suspend Rules Was Defeated in the Council.

FACTS ABOUT THE FRANCHISE.

Asked for by Jas. W. Halfhill, Lima; H. L. Canfield, Delphos. Term of franchise—25 years. Grants for use of streets, alleys, lanes and public places for erection of poles, wires, guys, cables, pipes, conduits, and other fixtures. Utilities contemplated—electric power, hot water heating.

A surprise was sprung on the citizens generally and on the local lighting and heating company last night by the introduction in the city council of an ordinance to grant a heating and lighting franchise to parties who are proposing to offer competition to the present company. The title of the ordinance is self explanatory, being as follows: "An ordinance granting to H. L. Canfield and James W. Halfhill, their successors or assigns, the franchise rights and privileges for the erection, completion and maintenance of an electric lighting, heating and power plant, within the corporate limits of the city of Lima, Ohio."

The representatives of the electric light and gas companies knew nothing of the intended appearance of the new ordinance until a short time before the hour for council meeting last night and they lost no time in getting on the ground to ascertain what was "doing." It is even charged that if some one had not "peached" the ordinance would have been landed on the council clerk's desk, ready for a reading before any of those who will naturally be its opponents would have had knowledge of it. When it was read, member Krauss made a motion to suspend the rules and place the measure on his passage but before any vote could be taken on that action, Messrs. W. B. Richle, S. E. Mulholland, of the gas company; J. A. Bendure, of the electric light and power company; and J. W. Shanahan addressed the council in opposition to such hasty action as that contemplated by Mr. Krauss' motion. Mr. Richle urged that there was no excuse for undue haste in dealing with a proposition of such vast importance as the granting of a twenty-five year franchise. If the new proposition was all right and was the thing to give the city, certainly nothing could be gained by hasty action and nothing could be lost by deferring action on the ordinance long enough to find out what the ordinance contains. He said the public had not yet heard of the proposition and thought that time should be given for the study of the measure.

Mr. Halfhill, who was present, spoke in favor of the ordinance. He declared that the present company was charging too high a rate for both heating and lighting and thought

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there was room and profits enough for another company.

Messrs. Shanahan, Mulholland and Bendure spoke along line of Richle's remarks and Mr. Bendure, in addition, denied some statements made by Mr. Halfhill concerning the rates and service of the local company. He also declared that the lighting service at Delphos, where Mr. Canfield is in charge of the plant, was inferior to that in this city.

Messrs. Mulliger and Fletcher, of the council, took up the opposition to Mr. Krauss' motion and the latter asked permission to withdraw the motion to suspend the rules but President Newson insisted on the vote being taken and this was done and the motion was defeated by a vote of seven nays.

After the adjournment of the council, some of the parties who are supporting the Canfield-Halfhill franchise proposition stated to the Times-Democrat that the plan had been under way for some time and had been discussed among the local business men. It is a proposition to erect and equip the plant. If one is built, with local capital entirely. Mr. Canfield, who is identified with the proposition, is in charge of the plant at Delphos.

Salary Ordinance Vetted.

The ordinance which was introduced and passed at the last previous meeting, changing the salary of the council clerk from \$200 to \$700 a year, in order to take care of the present republican clerk after the democratic board of public service steps into office, came back from Mayor Robb at last night's meeting with the chief executive's veto attached to it. As a valid reason for affixing his veto to the salary bill, the mayor cited the council to a section of the municipal code which provides that a city council shall, within a certain specified period after being elected and qualified, organize and elect its clerk and fix his compensation. In other words, according to his interpretation of the law, Mayor Robb says it is up to the new council to elect its own clerk and fix his salary. The present council will meet again on the 29th of this month and may decide to take further action in the matter.

Board of Health Abolished.

The long talked-of plan to abolish the city board of health and place the affairs of the department of public

health in the hands of the board of public service, took form last night, a resolution providing for the change being introduced and passed. The vote in favor of the resolution was unanimous.

Miscellaneous Business.

A resolution allowing the salaries of regular city employees was recommended by the board of public safety and was adopted, the purpose being to give the employees their December salaries in time for Christmas shopping.

The ordinance to lease bonds for the sum of forty thousand dollars for the purpose of reimbursing the city building and to provide new quarters for the central fire department and police department was passed.

Resolution to transfer ten thousand dollars from the water works fund to the sinking fund trustees to be used in payment on water works bonds and interest, was adopted.

The ordinance to add two men to the police department was given its second reading.

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The funeral of James Phillips was held yesterday afternoon in M. E. church at Beavordam, it being one of the largest funerals ever held in that place. Mont. Wingate and wife, C. R. Phillips, wife and children, of Lima, were in attendance. Mr. Phillips is an uncle of the latter.

To Make a Strike / the Chubbs chew / Colgan's Taffy Tolu / (The Good Old Fashioned Kind of Gum) / It prevents thirst. / Be a Chubbs.

THE STAGE.

Throughout both America and England the leading journals in the large cities have in many instances remarked the similarity between "When We Were Twenty-One" and an oasis of the desert. The New York Herald says: "Henry V. Elmond has given to the American and English stage a very remarkable play. It comes at the right time. It comes as a wholesome check to decadence and degeneracy. This play should be commended by all because of the purity of its motive and for its truthfulness to real life. The really good plays are so far and few between that "When We Were Twenty-One" can truly be said to be the oasis in a desert of most ordinary productions." It is to appear at Faurot opera house on tomorrow evening with one of the strongest casts procurable; in fact, several of the present company were members of the original production.

On Thursday night of this week the famous Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra under the directorship of Mr. Vander Stucken will appear at Faurots. Lovers of the fine art should avail themselves of the rare opportunity of hearing this famous orchestra. Vander Stucken though he spent most of his life in Germany is American born, and to him great credit must be given for having been the first orchestra conductor to give the orchestral works of American composition at the Paris Exposition of 1889. It is with great pleasure that we welcome the return of Mr. Vander Stucken.

NOTICE W. R. C.

Regular session of Women's Relief Corps No. 94, Memorial Hall, this Tuesday evening 19 inst. Initiations and other business of importance. AMANDA J. SULLIVAN, Pres. ROSA TOY, Secretary.

Rev. E. Layport, of Van Buren, O., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Tolan, Monday, and called on other friends in the city. Rev. Layport formerly was pastor of the Presbyterian church of Columbus Grove.

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A TIMELY TOPIC.

At this season of coughs and colds it is well to know that Foley's Honey and Tar is the greatest throat and lung remedy. It cures quickly and prevents serious results from a cold. H. F. Vorkamp.

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WEATHER.

Washington, Dec. 19.—For Ohio:
Cloudy and slightly colder tonight;
Wednesday fair, light south winds.

The senate has on its hold back
straps.

What members of the city council
know what a "Killovat" is?

Tom Lawson had a few "psycholog-
ical moments" yesterday, when the
news of the Chicago bank failures
reached Boston.

John R. Walsh, Saturday, great in
the financial world, Monday "busted";
is but another illustration of the ver-
satility of Americans.

The streets of Lima would present
a beautiful appearance with double
the number of electric lighting poles
adorning them. Their presence would
also materially increase the rate of
insurance.

Lima has no frenzied bankers. Her
financial institutions are in the hands
of men who have regard for the trust
placed in their keeping. They are
safe, conservative and conscientious
business men.

The present congress has accom-
plished two things—tied up railroad
legislation, and passed the emer-
gency appropriation for the Panama
canal. The first was done willingly,
the latter grudgingly.

The one pungent regret in the fail-
ure of John R. Walsh, the now famous
Chicago example of frenzied finance,
is that he started on his career as a
handler of newspapers. For that reason
he deserved a better ending for his
career.

JAKE, AN EXAMPLE.

"Jake," a Simian monkey, has been
expelled from the city park of New
Orleans.

"Jake" lost his position just in the
same manner many of his Darwinian
brothers lost theirs—through dallying
with liquor.

He fell from grace and sobriety af-
ter twenty-two years of moral train-
ing in the service of a priest.

The father who had cared for him
body and soul, died a few months ago
and left "Jake" to the park trustees.

His Simianship, from under re-
straint, soon fell into bad company,
and worse habits, with the above re-
sult.

When a monkey loses his standing
in a community because he drinks in-
toxicated liquor, what right has a
man to ignore a man who gets drunk
and business men turn him down because
he drinks? Alas, men are prone to
make monkeys of themselves.

NIPPED FOR A TIME.

Mayor Robb exercised his veto
power well and good last night when
he refused to approve the ordinance
passed by council two weeks ago to
pay the clerk of council seven hun-
dred dollars a year, and the clerk of
the board of public service three hun-
dred dollars, an exact reversal of the
present conditions. It was a republi-
can scheme to give a republican a
good, fat salary for doing nothing,
and at the same time embarrass the
incoming board of public service by
authorizing a salary for their clerk,
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to take the position.
Council may pass the measure next
Monday night, over the mayor's head,
as its last act. If it does, it will do so
in the face of the fact that every man,
woman and child in Lima is fully ad-
vised of the reason for it.

THAT NEW FRANCHISE.

That was a right clever scheme of
Hainfield and Canfield, who sprung the
heating and lighting ordinance on the
public last night, but not on the city
council. The members of that body
from the president down, undoubtedly
new exact's what was going to hap-
pen, and the ordinance would have
gone through as prepared had there
not been a hawk.

The ordinance may be good. It
may be exactly what is needed in the
way of competition, but the secrecy
surrounding it, until it was read by
the city clerk gives it a bad color.

Furthermore, it is for a period of
twenty-five years.

It asks that streets, alleys and lanes
of the city be given over to Hainfield
and Canfield, of their assigns, for a
quarter of a century, and as a paltry
return these gentlemen agree to light
the city buildings free of charge.

We are opposed, and we believe
every man in Lima is opposed to the
granting of any more franchises that
will rear up the streets without their
being some valuable consideration to
the city—a certain per cent of the
earnings for example.

Public franchises are valuable. The
one street railway company has
now is worth to that corporation a
half million dollars at least, yet it
was given for the asking.

It is time to stop that kind of work,
and from this on get value received.
The facts are that the members of
council were called into secret caucus
last night by George Newson, presi-
dent, and that the ordinance was then
presented to them, and what it
was then and there agreed that it
would be passed when council con-
vened.

When that body met, the members
thereof lost courage, and balked on
what they had agreed to do.

When they got it out in the open it
looked too much like railroad giving
somebody's scheme through without giving
it careful investigation, and demand-
ing some return for the rights it con-
ferred.

There comes from Paris, Illinois,
the county seat of Edgar county, this
question:
"Are postoffices objects of barter and
sale?"

The questioner is referred to the
late boss of the republican party in
this county for an answer. Should he
refuse to reply the information can be
obtained from John L. Sullivan, of
St. Marys, or the late postmaster at
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up of the houses of questionable char-
acter in the city and notified the pro-
prietors of ten different houses to
appear before the mayor today and
answer to charges of conducting im-
proper resorts. Monte Whitlingham,
of Holler avenue, Ella Chesser-Het-
ler, of east Wayne street, Ella Prou-
der, of north Central avenue, Pearl Miller,
Mrs. Ella Robinson, of east North
street, and Mrs. Sadie Hart, of east
North street, all responded to the sum-
mons today and each pleaded guilty
and paid fines and costs aggregating
\$53.60 each. Four other women are
yet to appear to enter their pleas.

E. Chesser, proprietor of an east
Wayne street bar, pleaded guilty to a
violation of the ten o'clock closing or-
dinance and paid \$53.60.

Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is
simply liquid electricity. It goes to
every part of your body, bringing new
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makes you well and keeps you well.
35 cents. H. F. Vorkamp.

25 different styles of 18x40 Mirrors
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It is a sin to suffer with backache
and pains over the kidneys, when a
single dose of Pine-ules will give re-
lief in one night. Suffering women
should heed these warnings ere it is
too late. Female troubles have result.
Pine-ules will strengthen the kidneys
and bladder, cleanse the blood and re-
lieve the aches and pains of Neuralgia
and Rheumatism. Sold by H. F. Vork-
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EXCURSION RATE FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Day-
ton Ry. will on December 22, 24, 25,
30 and 31 st. 1905, and January 1st,
1906 sell excursion tickets to all points
in the Central Passenger Association
territory at greatly reduced rates.
Information and time of trains, fold-
ers, etc., will be furnished by any
C. H. and D. agent. These excursion
tickets will be good to return until
January 3rd, 1906.

Report from the Reform School.
J. G. Guick, Superintendent, Prunty-
town, W. Va., writes: "After trying
all other advertised cough medicines,
we have decided to use Foley's Honey
and Tar exclusively in the West Vir-
ginia Reform School. I find it the
most effective and absolutely harm-
less." H. F. Vorkamp.

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ACTIVE SPOTS

Howard County, Indiana,
One of Them.

Many Strings of Tools Are

Running in a Hunt For
Fuel Gas.

THE WELLS ARE SMALL

In All Hoosier Pools Save
Those Drilled to the
Second Sand.

General Resume of Field

Work in Counties
of the State.

Marion, Ind., Dec. 19.—One of the
active spots in the Indiana field at
the present writing is west of this
city in Howard county, where the In-
diana Natural Gas & Oil Co. is rushing
the drill to get sufficient gas to ac-
commodate the patrons of their gas
like. The operations are located in
the vicinity of Greentown, and 20
new wells have been drilled in, of
this number 14 are producers of gas
and the balance have a light showing
of crude or either dusters. Late re-
ports from the field are that nine
strings of tools are at work, and the
wells are being drilled half a mile
apart. The company while they are
looking for gas are also anxious to
find oil, as they can utilize it in their
new process for making gas.

The Huntington Light and Fuel Co.
are also running about twenty strings
of drilling tools in hopes of getting a
supply of gas to furnish fuel to their
Huntington line.

In Van Buren township, Grant coun-
ty, the Hudson Oil Co.'s No. 8, on the
S. H. Beck farm, section 22, pumped
15 barrels.

In Washington township, Grant coun-
ty, Thomas Percy's No. 12, P. M.
E. Howard farm, section 35, pumped
45 barrels and the Ohio Oil Co.'s No.
2, Joseph Charles farm, section 29,
pumped 25 barrels.

In Jefferson township, Grant coun-
ty, the Manufacturers Gas Co.'s No.
8, on the Jacob Wise farm, section 4,
pumped 5 barrels, and the Beaty-
Nickle Oil Co.'s No. 5, A. Schwartz
farm, section 2, pumped 15 barrels.

In Jefferson township, Huntington
county, Thomas Percy's No. 4, Mal-
lada Beck farm, section 27, pumped 8
barrels.

In Salamonie township, Huntington
county, Barnes & McDonnell are
drilling No. 18, B. Luckey farm, sec-
tion 25, and the Elcho Oil Company is
drilling No. 9, W. Chopson farm, sec-
tion 34.

In Nottingham township, Wells
county, T. J. Rheas's No. 1, on the Dan
Jones farm, in the southwest quar-
ter of section 7, pumped 10 barrels.

In Jackson township, Wells county,
the Griffin Oil Co. is drilling No. 8,
John Baker farm, section 4, Broom &
Crowley are at work on their No. 5,
Louis Huffman farm, section 1. The
Griffin Oil Co. has abandoned No. 1
on the Wm. Minnich farm, section 1,
and the Ohio Oil Co.'s No. 63, on the
Sias A. Pulse farm, section 10, pumped
6 barrels.

In Chester township, Wells county,
Sweet & Woodward's No. 1, on the S.
Irvine farm, in the southwest quar-
ter of section 24, pumped 35 barrels,
and the rancid Oil & Gas Co.'s No. 11
N. Lancaster farm, section 11, pumped
40 barrels.

In Washington township, Blackford
county, the Cycle Oil Co.'s No. 8, on the
Simon Long farm, section 25, proved
a rank dry hole, while Adams &
Barloes No. 6, C. Christy farm, sec-
tion 3, pumped 15 barrels.

In Bear Creek township, Jay county,
the Eclipse Oil Co.'s No. 4, on the
Seward Rodgers farm, section 16,
pumped 60 barrels. Little Citizens Oil
& Gas Co.'s No. 3, W. Milligan farm,
section 32, pumped 40 barrels. The
Cambridge City Oil Co.'s No. 3, W. J.
Bone farm, section 9, pumped 5 bar-
rels. The Bear Creek Oil Co.'s No. 4,
James Hews farm, section 28, pumped
50 barrels. Craig & Fowler's No. 1,
Jesse J. Batten farm, in the northeast
quarter of section 21, pumped 30 bar-
rels and the J. E. Clark Oil Co.'s No.
4, R. A. Huey farm, 25 bar-
rels.

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county, Indiana, Thompson & Elling-
ham have abandoned well No. 1, G. E.
King farm, section 22. E. E. Welker
has abandoned Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, J.
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Nussbaum farm, all in section 30. The
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doned Nos. 3 and 4, Joseph Powers
farm, and No. 2, S. & D. Sarg farm,
in section 24. The Ohio Oil Co. has
abandoned Nos. 11 and 12, C. B. Ab-
shire farm, section 19. McDonnell &
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In Jackson township, the Georgia
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in the southwest quarter of section 8,
pumped 50 barrels. No. 2, same farm,
is drilling. The Ohio Oil Co. is drilling
No. 63, Sias A. Pulse farm, section
10. The Emery Oil Co. is drilling
No. 8, on the L. J. Jackson farm, No.
7, on this farm, pumped 20 barrels.
The Hazelwood Oil Co.'s No. 3, Mary
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while No. 2, was a very light affair.
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Silk petticoats are always appropri-
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We offer at one-half price all our
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No Secret About It.
It is no secret, that for Cuts, Burns,
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Many have pun-
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GREATEST of THEM ALL

The whole City is talking about this remarkable sale. The selling has gone head and shoulders above all records of the past. Never in our wildest flights of imagination did we anticipate such a wonderful success. There have been other sales of all descriptions but all fade into insignificance when compared to this one. This sale reflects great credit on this store as we have established a reputation of doing just what we advertise and this sale adds much to that established reputation. New seasonable goods were promised and that is what the people are getting.

**Wednesday Dec. 20th, Thursday Dec. 21st,
Friday Dec. 22nd and Saturday Dec. 23rd**

Will positively wind up the most phenomenal sale of honest merchandise for Men, Boys and Children Lima has ever experienced

\$40,000 WORTH OF HIGH GRADE MERCHANDISE

Consisting of Men's, Boys' and Children's Suits, Overcoats, Hats, Furnishing Goods, Smoking Jackets, Trunks, Valises, Trousers, and Thousands of articles too numerous to mention.

OUR ADVICE IF YOU VALUE MONEY DO NOT MISS THIS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

For the last four days your Dimes will be Dollars and your Pennies will be Dimes at

SOL WEISENTHALS

LIMA'S GREATEST CLOTHIER.

139 NORTH MAIN STREET.

BACK TO THE ERIE

holders Says the C. H. & D. Will Ultimately Point.

BUNCH OF MONEY

ured by Zimmerman and His Friend Says He Is Entirely Out.

ris L. Sternberger, the Jackson banker and coal operator who created with Eugene Zimmerman different deals in the Burnet, the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Zimmerman left Jackson this morning for Toledo," said Mr. Sternberger, "and will return to Cincinnati Thursday, leaving for Chicago Saturday evening. He is entirely out of the C. H. and D., and got a big bunch of money.

am still interested in the C. H. and D. and regard it as good property. It got rid of its handicap, the Cincinnati, Chicago and Louisville, and is operated at a loss of \$800,000 per annum. The C. H. and D. is operated under the direction of the Erie and the receivership will be removed and it will become

a paying part of the Erie system.

HARMON CONFERS

Not Known Yet About Pay Day in January, Says Receiver.

New York, Dec. 19.—Former Attorney-General Judson Harmon, receiver for the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton and Pere Marquette roads, today spent several hours at the offices of the Erie railroad with George P. Brownell, head of the legal department of the road and vice president of the C. H. and D. and the Erie. The two men examined the various contracts and agreements entered into by the C. H. and D. with other roads.

When seen today Judge Harmon said he was as yet unprepared to make any statement regarding the situation. He would not say whether or not receiver's certificates are to be issued to meet the maturing obligations and the January interest payments on the bonds and collateral trust notes.

He spent the greater part of the afternoon in conference with George W. Perkins and Francis Lynde Stetson, at the office of J. P. Morgan and Co.

IN JANUARY

Road Built By Wise Will Be Opened For Traffic.

Despite the extraordinary and remarkable efforts of the officials of the Muncie & Portland Traction company to have the line completed and in operation by the first of the year, it is beginning to appear that it is beyond the power of man for them to realize their fond expectations. Several unexpected delays arose soon after the work was started, chief among which was the inability to secure teams and labor.

The very latest idea have been followed by Contractor Wise in the construction of the road and the costliest and the best material obtainable are used. The ballast is broken stone, which is used only by the largest and most prosperous railroad systems in the country. It is believed that cars will be running into Muncie from Portland and intermediate points by not later than January 15th and as much sooner as the company can get the work done.

Buy unredeemed goods for Christmas presents and save money. 500 ladies and gents' gold watches \$5.00 up. 1000 ladies and gents' gold rings \$1.00 up.

COPELAND LOAN OFFICE, 54-6t 109 east Wayne St.

Water Cure for Constipation. Half a pint of hot water taken half an hour before breakfast will usually keep the bowels regular. Harsh cathartics should be avoided. When a purgative is needed, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are mild and gentle in their action. For sale by all druggists.

INFANTS. Do not overlook the little ones. You can buy a nice bearskin coat at Blum's for \$3.75 that will please you.

"Morris Chairs"

\$5.00, \$7.50, \$10, \$13.50, \$20.00. The most acceptable present for gentlemen.

HARMAN'S.

Mrs. Anstey's Buckwheat has a world-wide reputation on account of its genuine buckwheat flavor. Don't forget the name.

All our suits and coats, and separate skirts have been greatly reduced. Carter & Carroll.

FROM WAPAKONETA

Viola Kendall Walked Again Last Night.

Viola Kendall, a young woman who has been an inmate of the Angilaize county infirmary for several years and who has escaped from that institution a number of times, always coming to this city on her tramps, was found on the street here about 2 o'clock this morning and was locked up by Patrolman Schleister. She was taken back to the Angilaize county institution this morning. The woman is weak minded.

UMBRELLAS

FOR GIFTS.

Both for men and ladies. Christmas umbrellas. Go to the Blum store for them. Here you will be sure to get good values for your money.

A Bad Scare.

Some day you will get a bad scare, when you feel a pain in your bowels, and fear appendicitis. Safety lies in Dr. King's New Life Pills, a sure cure, for all bowel and stomach diseases, such as headache, biliousness, constipation, etc. Guaranteed at H. F. Vorkamp's drug store, only 25c. Try them.

Blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles are instantly relieved by Manzan. This remedy is put up in collapsible tubes with nozzle attachment, so that the medicine may be applied inside directly where the trouble originated. Manzan relieves instantly. Sold by H. F. Vorkamp.

See Carter & Carroll's advertisement in this issue. Evening sale 7 to 9 o'clock.

PETTICOATS OF SILK

AND MERCERIZED MATERIALS.

Stocked here to give you the utmost satisfaction in your buying. Especially bought for the holiday trade. Silk petticoats at \$5, \$6.50 to \$12.50. Mercerized petticoats at \$1.00 each to \$5. G. E. BLUM, 221-223 north Main street.

A nice trimmed hat makes a nice Christmas gift, and Miss Ella Kunkle has a fine assortment, at almost her own price. Great bargain balance of this week. New Shappell block, south Main street.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. D. Curran is entertaining her father, T. J. Barton, of Crestline.

"White" Sullivan, of south Main street, will leave for Chicago tonight, to attend the stock show.

After a two weeks recreation, F. B. Ricketts has resumed his duties at H. Cunningham's drug store.

Mrs. M. C. Baxter leaves this evening for a fortnight in Boston.

J. C. Linneman and wife left last night for two months in the south. They go first to Jacksonville then to Palm Beach.

Attend our evening sales. You can save one-half on your purchases. Sale opens at 7 o'clock sharp. See advertisement in this issue. Carter & Carroll.

BROUGHT HOME.

Fireman Frawley Came Up From Troy Today.

Fireman Morris Frawley, injured in the wreck at Troy in which Engineer Taubkin lost his life, was brought home from Troy where he has been under treatment since the accident on November 6th. Mr. Frawley suffered the amputation of his left foot.

Col. Bill Kelly, king of the Osage Nation, and the largest individual oil producer in the mid-continent field, is here for a few days looking after the prosperous affairs of the Lima Oil Co., which he and his brother own.

SEEDLESS ORANGES 18c DOZEN AT DIMOND BROS., WHILE THEY LAST.

OIL MARKET.

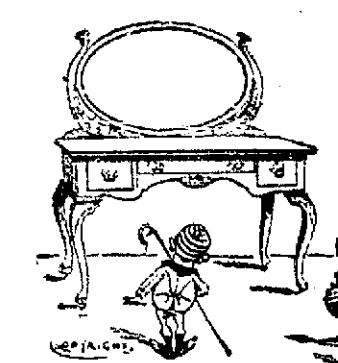
Pennsylvania	1.58
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Tiona	1.68
New Castle	1.35
Corning	1.10
Casbell, (W. Va.)	1.18
North Lima	.94
South Lima	.89
Somerset, (Ky.)	.89
Indiana	.89
Kansas	.52
Ragean	.55

See Hoover & Co. before buying your Xmas presents. 58-6t

Great Values.

Correct Styles.

In dressing tables made of Oak, Mahogany and Birds Eye Maple. Prices to suit all.



We also have a swell assortment of Lamps and Book Cases.

J. W. ROWLANDS,

Up on Main Street. Maker of Happy Homes.

Mission Rockers

With Spanish leather seats \$5.50 up. The largest line of Mission furniture in Lima. HARMAN'S.

Counter Currents

It was the last performance of the "Green Monster," and the company would be up as soon as it was over. Harold Gray, leading gentleman, was to take a night train to join a new partner and Maria Treville, was to be married. Their engagement was in the third act, when having spoken his lines he retired with Miss King, I. C., and thunder reverberating from sheet behind the scenes. His concluding lines were:

"Fair girl, the blacker this deed has painted you, the deeper my love for you."

While both were dazed by flashes of lightning and frightful crashes of thunder, he added loud enough only for her to hear:

"What did you want to put up a job on another woman for?"

"I didn't. That yarn came from a cheap girl."

At the end of the scene he took the girl in his arms, she wept and nobly forgave her slanderer. While the lights were being turned down to slow music Gray growled:

"It's lucky this is the last night. You've kicked up a muss the company wouldn't get over in a hurry. The next time you try to blacken a woman's reputation I'd advise you to take a high kicking ballet girl."

"Stop making a guy of yourself or I'll go off the stage and tell the old man I won't finish with you."

The threat had the desired effect, and the kiss that came at the end of the scene was very realistic to the audience, though the man's lips, being nearer the woman's ear than her mouth, whispered, or rather said, for what is said on the stage in an ordinary voice can't be heard by an audience:

"The only damage you've done you've done yourself."

The scene which had evoked universal commendation for a hundred and ninety-nine nights fell flat on this two hundredth, and the curtain went down without the clapping of a single pair of hands. The manager was furious. Calling the leading actors together, he declared that he would not put aside the company quarrel and do their parts properly. His threat served to make things so more easily, but all naturalness had gone out of the performance and could not be forced back. In the next act the hero meets Miss Treville, who (in the play) had slandered his love. Unfortunately for a good rendition he had really learned that it was she who had slandered. His lines ran:

"Your sex protects you. I will not speak an accusing word to or of a woman. In this you are safer than a man. I hold a woman so sacred that I cannot deny her even proper deference." (Bows very low.)

Retiring amid applause, he found opportunity to say:

"That cat came pretty near making it hot for you, didn't she? Lucky we got onto her tracks."

"But you believed her."

His part came on again, and he said grandiloquently:

"Oh! To say that you have my forgiveness is nothing, but when I say you have the forgiveness of the woman you have slandered it but expresses her nobility."

Mr. Gray did not get another opportunity to converse with Miss Treville till near the close. It galled him that he must spend the little remaining time making love to the woman who had caused all the trouble when he wished to offer himself to the woman she had injured. A few minutes before the curtain fell Miss Treville approached him to fire a parting shot at her stage rival.

"Go with your slithering, sickly maid!"

"Refrain! Do not goad me to what I shall be sorry for."

All the characters were now on the stage and Gray took occasion to get near the woman he was supposed to despise. She stood behind a fat woman. He whispered:

"My leaving you is breaking my heart."

"I shall be dreadfully lonely without you."

"When we make another engagement shall it be in the same company?"

"If you like."

"Shall it be a real engagement?"

"This is so sudden."

"It can't be otherwise."

"Must you go tonight?"

"Yes, sweetheart. Let me go with the sweetest consolation that when we meet again it will be as accepted lovers."

"You may go with that consolation." And a flourish by the orchestra heralds Miss King to the footlights longingly and the curtain goes down.

FORGING ANTIQUITIES.

Even Experts Tricked in Bidding—Quishing Deal From the Auctioneer.

The Oliver Evans in the Ohio Mag. shows the definition of distinct and from specialists in antiquities here is one of his specialties.

At times the forger is content to take ancient fragments of ancient vases or statues and complete them with clay or plaster of Paris. These new "old" vases he then paints up and passes to the unsuspecting and sometimes unsuspecting purchaser as real antiques. The story is told of a forger in Athens that he protested that when he had finished "improving" an antique he himself could not always tell where the genuine part ceased and the false began. Under such circumstances it may not be wondered that at times even experts are tricked.

The following incident shows how forgeries turn up in very unexpected places. One hot day a party of us were taking up a steep ascent in the island of Melos when we saw above us a number of treacherous seats on a parapet of ruins. We had been cruising long enough among the ruins to know that these people of the place had seen our ship drop anchor in the water below and were now waiting to sell us antiquities. At the sight of these Greeks one of our number, a tireless foot-chamberman, scrambled ahead of us to the top, where we could soon see her, wind blown and outlined against the blue sky, bargaining for a vase. When we reached the top after a more leisurely climb she put her purchase in my hands and asked me what I thought of it. My hands were moist with perspiration from the exertion of the climb, and for answer to her question I held them out to her all blackened from grasping the vase. The sweat had attacked the modern paint with which it was covered, and by thus coming off on my hands the color had betrayed its falsity. The whole vase had been patched up from six or seven pieces and then painted over to conceal the repairing.

CONCERNING DREAMS.

Often Indicate a Serious Illness—The Blind See in Dreams.

Harvey, who discovered the circulation of the blood, is said to have recorded a dream in which a bomb exploded in his left thigh, on a place where a couple of days later appeared an ugly ulcer. Malesherbe, the renowned French author, found himself in a dream attacked by a roving, who stabbed him in his left breast with a dagger in an area where the following evening he felt the first attack of severe pneumonia. "The archives of medical reports," says Dr. Axel Emil Gibson, "are heavy with cases of a similar character, which have either received no explanation at all or else have been explained away entirely."

Dr. Gibson calls attention to the fact that dreams depend on some other media than those known as the five senses. A conclusive evidence in favor of this view is found in the circumstances that even the blind are able to see in dreams, as witness experiences recorded by Helen Keller, "Blind Tom," the poet Milton and others; hence the conclusion seems to be unavoidable that it is only as far as physical vision is concerned that the optic nerve guides and limits the field of vision.

This same author arrives at the deduction that dreaming and waking differ in degree and form of manifestation only, not in principle and essence. "Like waking consciousness," he avers, "the dream reveals, but does not create. The same world that surrounds the waking individual surrounds the dreaming, only the viewpoints and media of observation are changed."—Chicago News.

Was Just a Dream.

"Some old fellow over at Fort Sill who has been in this section of the country for a good many years once dreamed that there was an Indian massacre on the summit of Signal mountain. He afterward began to tell that dream, and at length told the story for the truth. That dream has gone down in history as an actual fact. There never was a massacre on this mountain, nor even a battle of any sort. In early days, after the establishment of Fort Sill, the soldiers had a signal station there, built the house that is now crumbling in ruins and possibly observed the maneuvers of many Comanches."—Lawton News-Republican.

A Natural Inference.

Six-year-old Fanny, just returned from Sunday school, seemed to have something on her mind.

"Mother," she said after awhile, "my aunt have had very large beds in Bible times."

"Why?" asked her mother.

"Well, our teacher told us today that Abraham slept with his four fathers."

—Harper's Weekly.

Hot Water.

Nothing is better to take on rising than a cupful of hot water. One hot drink on an empty stomach clears the system for the day, and for many persons a tablespoonful of lemon juice increases the efficacy. Taken on going to bed without lemon, it will help to induce sleep. Both night and morning it has the effect of helping to clear the complexion.

How It Happened.

"I suppose he clapped you in his arms when the organ was over?"

"No, quite the opposite."

"Quite the opposite?"

"Yes; the organist when he clapped me in his arms."

Nothing multiplies so much as kindness.—Wray.

Hardly.

Grace—So he said my costume was heavenly, eh?

Ethel—Not exactly. He said it was unearthly.

A Christmas Wedding

Several years ago I was obliged to go on business during the autumn to a seaport town. One day while waiting in order to fill time, I visited the life saving station. Just before reaching it I passed a lovely affair built on a huge, measuring about six feet by four. Facing the ocean was a low door and beside it a window, through which peered the saddest face I ever saw—the face of a woman. She was still young and attractive in appearance, though her hair was white as snow. Sitting by the window, her arm resting on the sill, she was peering out to sea as though looking for a ship.

At the life saving station I was told that her name was Caroline Owens. Ten years before her lover, John Trevor, a sailor, had started in September on the schooner Mary Deane to make a short voyage from which he was to have returned for Christmas and their wedding. Caroline prepared her wedding outfit—it could scarcely be dignified by the name of trousseau—and Christmas festivities were also arranged for, but on Christmas eve a ship came in with the news that the Mary Deane had gone ashore in a storm and every man on board had perished.

It was a sad Christmas for every one in the neighborhood. Caroline was stunned. She did not weep. She simply looked out of her eyes at vacancy and said nothing. Every day she would go to the beach, and, standing on a dune just above the life saving station, peer out to sea. In storm and sunshine she was there at least once a day, and when the spring came on and the weather was pleasant, she would spend most of the day there. Then the kind hearted life-savers built her the little shelter and invited her to take possession of it.

Some of the men considered her as having gone daft at the death of her lover, while others thought her mentally sound. I was told by one of them, Markham by name, who in confidence confessed to me that he had fallen in love with her and would gladly marry her, though he had never mentioned the subject to her, that every December she became possessed with the idea that her lover would return on Christmas eve. She had told him there was a feeling within her too strong to be resisted that Trevor was alive, wandering here and there, mostly on the sea; that there was some reason why he could not return to her, but this reason would in time be removed. This most persons considered a mania induced by the shock she had suffered.

I often passed her, sentry box and grew more and more impressed with the sad but hopeful face always peering out to sea. When I went away I left with Markham, the man who had given me his confidence, some money, charging him to tell her that an unknown person had given it to him to be used for a wedding present on the return of her lover. I did this hoping it might give her pleasure. She was convinced that Trevor would come back, and I believed it might be best to foster this belief.

I returned to the city, autumn faded into winter and the snows came down. One morning a man appeared at my office whom I did not recognize for a moment, but when I did I saw that he was Markham.

"What brings you here?" I asked, taking his rough hand in mine.

"There's a wedding on," he replied.

"A wedding?"

"Yes; Carrie Owens. I've come to buy the gift."

"And you?"

"Oh, no, no, better than that." There was a double expression of pain and joy in his face and in his voice.

"Come, sit down here and tell me."

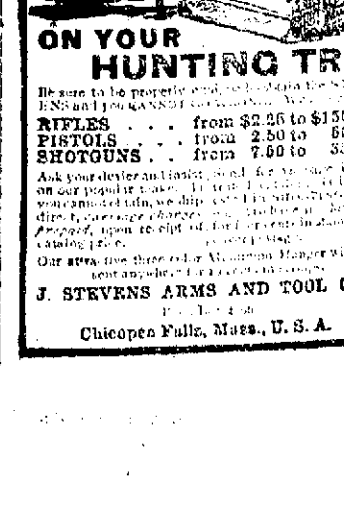
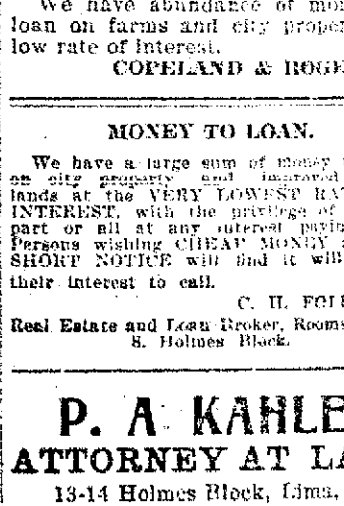
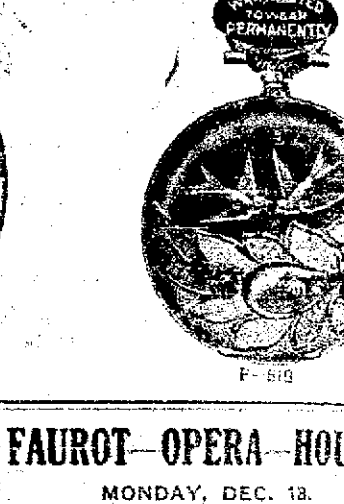
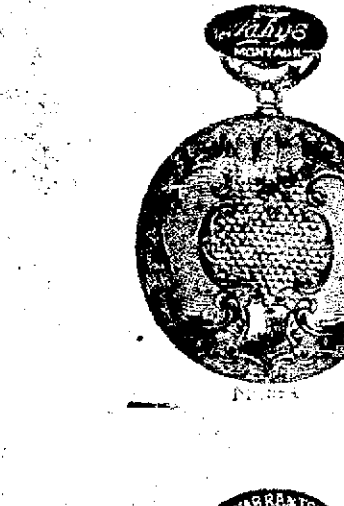
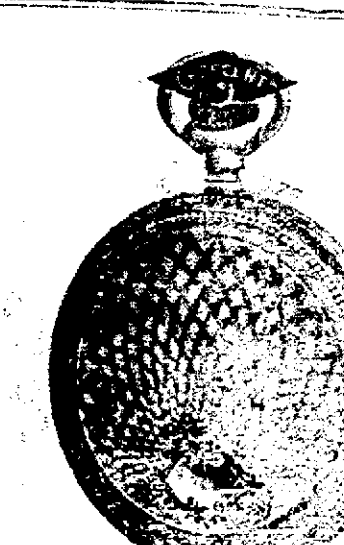
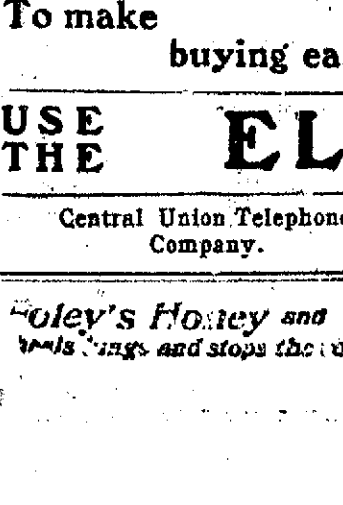
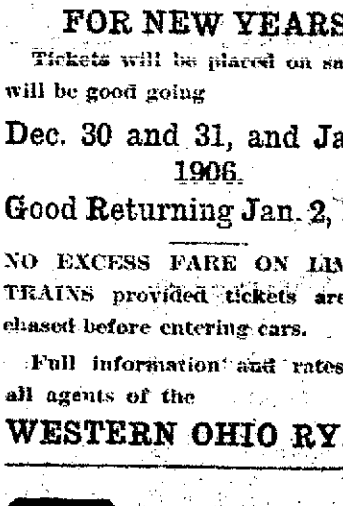
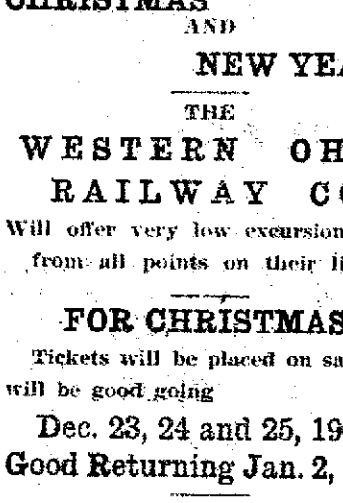
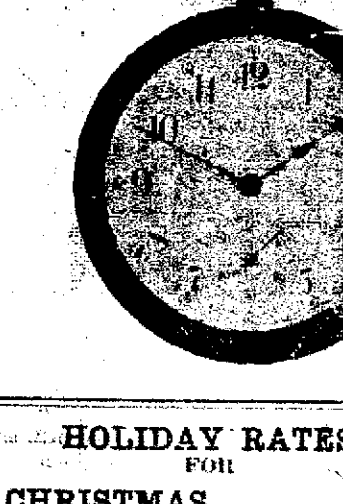
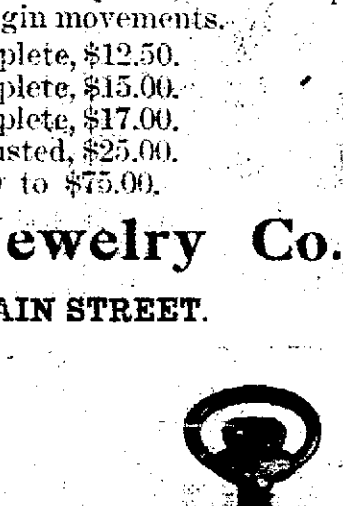
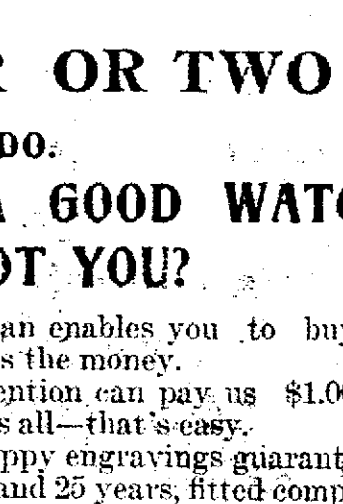
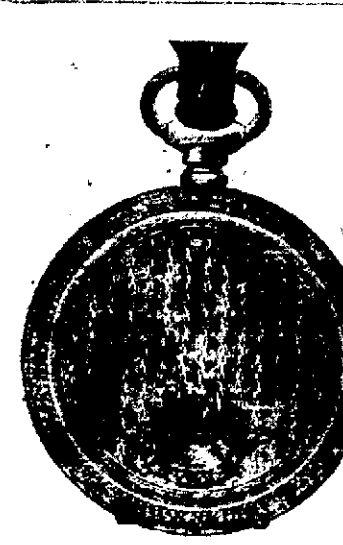
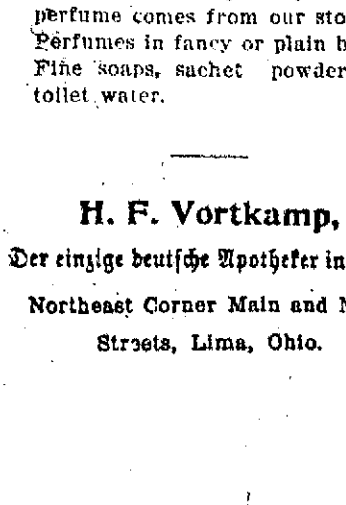
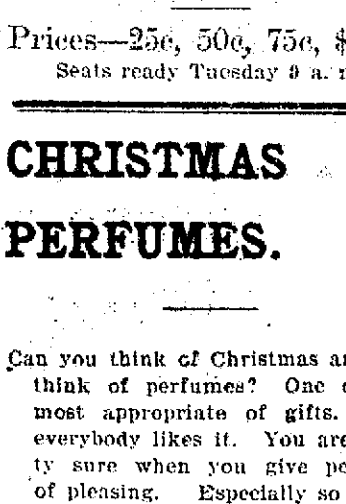
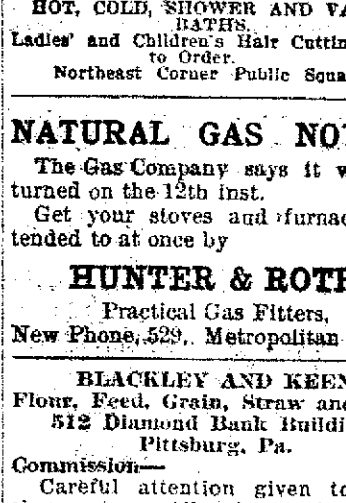
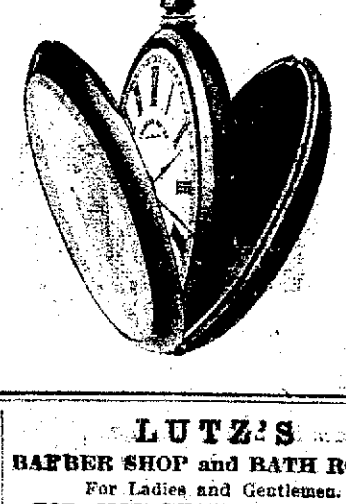
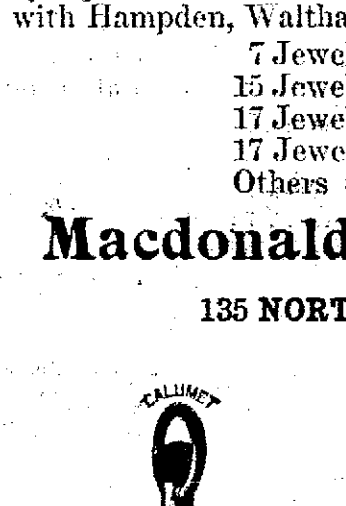
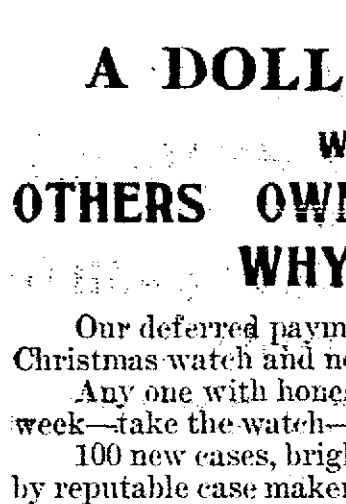
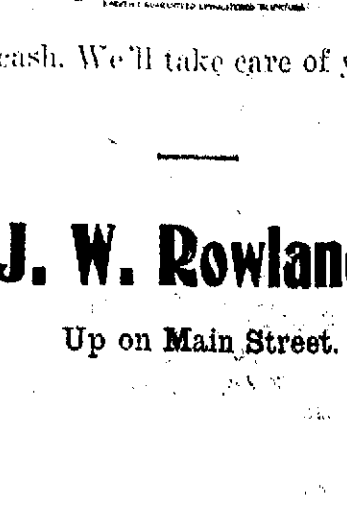
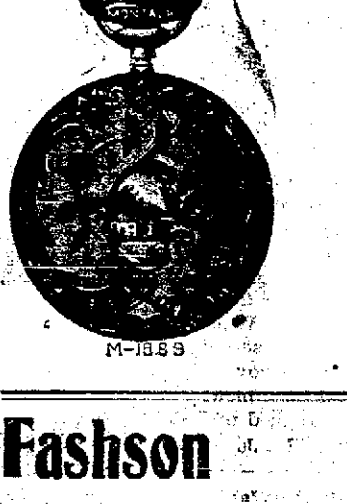
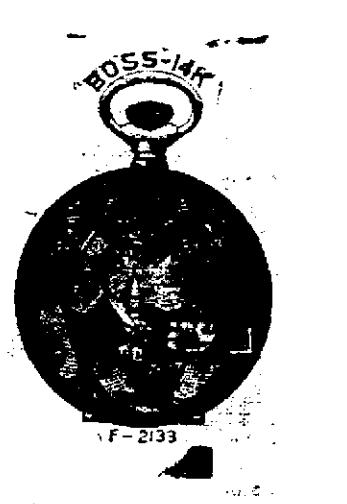
"You remember the storm of the 30th of November?" he said. "Well, that was the worst I've ever experienced. Carrie Owens spent the day in her box. The next day would be the 1st of December, and that was the month she was always the worst. I tried several times to induce her to go home, but she wouldn't. Just as it was getting dark I looked up at the box and saw a man coming from behind it. He was evidently coming for Carrie, for his eyes were on the box. Suddenly he rounded to the front and stood before her. Then I heard a shriek and knew that Jack Trevor had come at last."

He went on to tell me that Trevor had been injured in the head at the time of the wreck, had been thrown ashore and had wandered about without any remembrance as to who he was. Finally, when ill in a hospital, a surgeon had discovered a displacement of a small piece of his skull, had trepanned him and brought back his memory. Then he had made for home and Caroline. "He didn't come by sea, as she expected," added my informant, "but he came all the same."

He bore an invitation for me to the wedding, and I accepted. On Christmas eve I arrived at the cottage of Caroline Owens' parents and was introduced to Caroline herself. So preoccupied had she been when I was passing her box that she did not remember to have ever seen me.

Of course both she and Trevor bore marks of the hard lot that had befallen them, but their faces were beaming with happiness, and every one of the wedding party was smiling. I pitied Markham, the poor fellow whose love had been but a one-sided affair. He had brought my present as well as one from himself and before I left I handed him a check for the bride. I have spent many a happy Christmas eve, but none where I felt and saw about me so much joy as in this.

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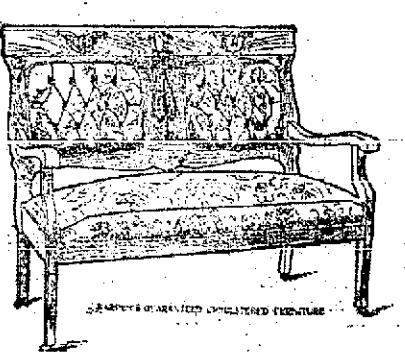
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THE CHRISTMAS GAME

(Original)

It was Christmas time in Russia. Ivan Ivanovich went the rounds of the village announcing that the usual festivities would be held at his house and that the marriage game would be played. In this game the young girls are muffled so that they cannot be distinguished. The young men one by one are admitted to the room where the girls are sitting and each man chooses a girl. She is unveiled, and the man must either marry her or pay a heavy forfeit.

Now, Peter Oltanoff had met Sonia Nicholasevna and had fallen in love with her. Though he had been thrown with her on several occasions he could not discover that she showed him any preference. Possibly this may have been because Peter was too bashful or too uncertain of meeting a favorable response; possibly she did not care for him; possibly she loved another. Peter went to the Christmas celebration, knowing that Sonia would be there, with very conflicting emotions. If in the marriage game he could pick out Sonia he would be very happy, but his happiness would also depend upon Sonia's desire to be picked out by him. But if Sonia had any preference for him she would have indicated it, for, though he had never spoken his love, he had looked it, and no girl is so stupid as to be ignorant of a man's preference for her, especially when she takes no pains to conceal it. But then, as I have said, the two had met but a few times, and it was not likely that a girl would be won so soon and without a courtship.

At the Christmas festivities Sonia, dressed in the costume of the country, looked enchanting. She wore a skirt reaching to her ankles. About her waist was a girle of narrow blue ribbon, wound several times around, the ends gathered, loosely, and hanging in two streamers, each end tipped with a tassel. The early part of the evening was passed in dancing, singing and ordinary games. Peter tried to get a dance with Sonia, but she was always engaged—at least she always claimed to be, and Peter was discouraged. Even if he should happen to choose her in the marriage game it would bring him no pleasure, and he would pay the forfeit rather than marry one who did not prefer him to all others.

At last Maria, the wife of Ivanovich, announced that they would play the marriage game, to which they had all been looking forward expectantly. Maria took the girls all into an adjoining room, where each was enveloped in a sheet. When all was ready the young men drew lots to determine the order in which they should enter. Of course the first man, if he had a preference, would have the best chance to secure it. The last man would have but one girl to choose. Peter drew the fifth entry. When the first couple came out the girl was smiling and blushing, and all knew that she had been chosen in accordance with her wishes. The avain did not look displeased, only silly. The second couple were both putting, and both had evidently had bad luck. In the case of the third the man was radiant with happiness, the girl evidently displeased. In the fourth it was plain that both had been much disappointed.

It was now Peter's turn to enter the room and choose. The varied appearance of the couples who had emerged had told him how slim was the chance, first, of his choosing Sonia, and second, of her being his willing bride. Nevertheless he had been caught by the spirit of chance. He was wild with desire to choose Sonia, and he would at least have the privilege of seeming to be glad of the alternative to pay the forfeit.

He entered the room with a throbbing heart. There sat a line of girls looking very like large Indian poposes. Peter cast his eye along the line, vainly endeavoring to distinguish the girl he loved, by her size or some other feature, but Sonia was of the middle height and several of the girls were very nearly her size. Peter stalled.

"Choose," said the matron.

Peter, still hoping to discover through the sheet some guide, still hesitated.

"Come, choose," said the matron; "others are waiting."

Peter, in despair at having to trust to luck, was about to step forward and choose haphazard when his eye lighted on a little coin hanging below a fold in the sheet that enveloped one of the girls. In a twinkling he remembered that the ends of the ribbon encircling Sonia's waist were tipped with coins. He had not seen the coin on first running his eye along the line and was sure it was not then visible. Indeed, while he looked it disappeared, having been exposed only a few seconds.

A flood of joy welled in Peter's heart. Sonia, who before had given him no sign of preference, who could not even save a dance for him, who had given any of the young men present more of her favor than he, had contrived to give him a signal, more than this, she had come to the gathering with the ribbon loosely wound about her waist, so that she might drop it at the choosing of the man she wanted, and had dropped it for him. Concealing his knowledge by looking again over the line, making felicitat at selecting a girl, he at last chose the one who had dropped the coin.

She arose, and Maria, unwinding the sheet, dropped it and there stood Sonia with a happy smile which she found it difficult to repress and a twinkle in the glance she gave Peter. When the two stepped into the adjoining room as plain was it a pair of lovers had been made happy that they were received with a clapping of hands.

CHARLOTTE SHERWOOD.

For a mild, easy action of the bowels, a single dose of Doan's Regulat is enough. Treatment cures habitual constipation. 25 cents a box. Ask your druggist for them.

SNAKE DIVINITIES.

Fantastic Forms of Worship on
Southwest Coast of India.

Serpent worship and the propitiation of snake divinities, which once spread all over Asia, still maintain a tenacious hold on the little native states of Cochin and Travancore, on the southwest coast of India. Here Hindus high and low revere the cobra as they did a thousand years ago, and it is considered a heinous crime to injure the reptile or neglect its interests.

In the district of Travancore alone there are between 15,000 and 20,000 shrines dedicated exclusively to the worship of snakes, which possess extensive and valuable properties for their maintenance and for the cost of the ceremonies which the keepers have to perform from time to time.

In these shrines the Hindus set down fantastic idols of serpents on a stone base, and the shrine is protected by a mud wall. Householders to assure their welfare should make offerings of dough, milk and cooked rice to the serpentine habitues of the shrine and place lights and chant hymns in order to be assured of their favor.

Every morning the king and queen of the serpents are bathed, and fruit and milk are offered to them, to be followed at noon by cooked rice and fried grain. On certain days the idols in grove and household temple are carried in procession to the house, where propitiatory offerings are made. The presiding functionary must be the eldest female member of the family, who has to practice celibacy from the day she attains the position.

At famous snake festivals at Travancore plous folk gather from all parts to join in the worship, bringing offerings of gold, silver, grain, pepper, spices, oil, sandalwood, silk and other things. The cost of the festivals is defrayed by the revenues of the paddy fields and gardens attached to the shrines. It is believed that unless the ceremonies are conducted with reverence the largest cobra of the grove will come out and show themselves to the members of the house. The natives also believe that snake bites in the neighborhood of these shrines never prove fatal. Be that as it may, deaths from snake bites are very rare, though many groves contain as many as thirty cobras and the shrines in Travancore number between fifteen and twenty thousand.

The snakes of India are rarely aggressive, but generally keep to themselves, and being so kindly treated and benevolently attended, it is not astonishing that they become docile and harmless. All over Travancore the people when they see a snake approaching say: "The god is coming," and make way for the divinity. Children play fearlessly about the groves while their serpentine friends are gliding about or basking in the sun and have never been known to be harmed. When the groves become overrun with serpents the surplus population is removed and sent to other shrines, certain plous Brahmins being especially applied to for this purpose.—New York Herald.

Soluble Glass.

Soluble glass, or water glass, as it is sometimes called, is an artificial silicate of sodium or potassium or a double silicate of both these alkalis, and thus in its essential ingredients the same as ordinary glass. But ordinary glass is a slight extent soluble in water, owing to the alkali which it contains, and by varying the proportion of the alkaline constituents the compound becomes readily soluble to any desired degree. Attention was first directed to it by Fuchs, a German chemist, about 1824. It has been used to some extent, and quite successfully, in preventing the decay of stone walls and edifices under the action of the weather. The surface is covered with a coating of a suitable solution, and the water soon evaporating, a thin, transparent glass is left over the stone, effectually protecting it from the disintegrating action of the atmosphere. Several public buildings in various parts of the world have been successfully treated in this way.

Wonderful Indian Runners.

An Indian has been known to carry a letter from Guaymas to Chihuahua and back again in five days; the distance being nearly 800 miles. In some parts where the Tarahumaris serve the Mexicans they are used to run in the wild horses, taking them into the corral. It may take them two or three days to do it, sleeping at night and living on a little pinole. They bring in the horses thoroughly exhausted, while they themselves are still fresh. They will outrun any horse if you give them time enough. They will pursue deer in the snow or with dogs, in the rain, for days and days, until at last the animal is cornered and shot with arrows or falls an easy prey from sheer exhaustion, its hoofs dropping off.

Fools and Wise Men.

If you are dealing with a fool, do not, but never argue, for you will lose your labor and perhaps your temper; if with a bigot, say nothing or you will certainly lose both. Never dispute with the man who asserts a paradox. If he does not believe it, he is amusing himself with you; if he does, the same distortion of mind will make him incapable of appreciating his own sophistries or your arguments.—O. W. Holmes.

And Wasn't Ashamed.

Mr. Devos—Why don't you wear that dress to the party?
Mrs. Devos—I'd be ashamed to be seen in it.

Then she put on a sleeveless affair cut four inches lower in the neck and went—Judge.

Time marks the title page of our lives, death the final, and the grave becomes the binding.

CASSTORIA.
The Kid You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of
Dr. J. C. Ayer



That's the personal question a woman asks herself when she reads of the cure of womanly diseases by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

Why shouldn't it cure her? Is it a complicated case? Thousands of such cases have been cured by "Favorite Prescription." Is it a condition which local doctors have declared incurable? Among the hundreds of thousands of sick women cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription there are a great many who were pronounced incurable by local doctors. Wonders have been worked by "Favorite Prescription" in the cure of irregularity, weakening drains, inflammation, ulceration and female weakness. It always helps. It almost always cures.

"I commenced taking your medicine, 'Favorite Prescription,' nearly a year ago for chronic inflammation of womb and can truly say it is the only thing that ever did me any good," writes Mrs. L. C. Wagner, of 125 Edwin Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. "I could not walk any distance before using it. After taking six bottles of your 'Favorite Prescription' I find I can walk without difficulty and am greatly benefited in general health. Would advise all suffering women to use Dr. Pierce's medicine."

These are the Original Little Liver Pills, first put out over 45 years ago, by Dr. J. C. Ayer.

They are much esteemed to take and best. They're tiny, sugar-coated, and without any harshness, without disturbance or trouble, constipation, indigestion, bilious attacks, sick and nervous headaches, and all ailments of the liver, stomach, and bowels are prevented, relieved and cured. Permanently cured, too, of the mild and natural action, these little pills gently lead the system into natural ways again. Their influence lasts.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

Carrie Douglass, whose place of

residence is unknown, will take notice

that on the 15th day of December,

1905, William L. Douglass filed his

petition in the court of common pleas

of Allen County, Ohio, being case No.

12542, praying a divorce from said

Carrie Douglass on the ground of

gross neglect of duty, and that said

cause will be for hearing on and after

February 5th, 1906.

That said Carrie Douglass is re-

quired to answer said petition in

said action not later than six weeks

after the 25th day of December, 1905,

the date of the first publication of this

notice, or such divorce may be granted.

PROPHET & EASTMAN,

Attorneys for Plaintiff.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS VIA PENN-

SYLVANIA LINES.

December 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st

and January 1st are the dates on which

excursion tickets may be obtained to

any station on the Pennsylvania

Lines for Christmas and New Year

holiday trips, tickets good returning

until January 3d, inclusive. For full

particulars call on local ticket agent

of Pennsylvania Lines.

King of All Cough Medicines.

Mr. E. G. Case, a mail carrier of

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years, says: "We have tried many

cough medicines for croup, but Cham-

berlain's Cough Remedy is king of all

and one to be relied upon every time.

We also find it the best remedy for

coughs and colds, giving certain re-

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The children's jubilee of good health

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Honey and Tar, the cough syrup that

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Cough and all lung and bronchial af-

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Our entire stock of children's coats

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A healthy man is a king in his own right; an unhealthy man is an unhappy slave. Burdock Blood Bitters builds up sound health—keeps you well.

In every sense of the word, Basinger's is the "Gift Store" this holiday season.

Coughs, Colds and Constipation.

Few people realize when taking cough medicines other than Foley's Honey and Tar, that they contain opiates which are constipating besides being unsafe, particularly for children. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, is safe and sure, and will not constipate. Don't be imposed upon by taking substitutes, some of them are dangerous. H. F. Vorkamp.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens Loan & Building Co. of Lima, O., will be held on Friday, Jan. 19, 1906, at 7 p. m., for the election of directors and auditors, and such other business as may come before them.

L. A. FELTZ, Sec'y.
Lima, O., Dec. 19, 1905.
Dec 19, 26 Jan. 2, 9, 16

LEGAL NOTICE.

George M. Clevenger whose place of residence is unknown, late of Allen County, Ohio, will take notice that on the 6th day of December, 1905, in the court of common pleas of Allen County, Ohio, where the action is now pending, being case No. 12538, the undersigned Katie Clevenger, filed her petition against said George M. Clevenger praying for a divorce from him, and the custody of their minor child, Maria Clevenger, whose age is seven years.

The said George M. Clevenger is required to answer the said petition in said action not later than six weeks after the 8th day of December, 1905, the date of the first publication of this notice, or such divorce and custody of said child may be granted.

PROPHET & EASTMAN,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Dec. 8-6wks

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

I have this day bought of D. Cramer his one-half interest in the south side drug store and the co-partnership existing between D. Cramer and myself has been dissolved. All claims and book accounts due the store are made payable to me, and all parties knowing themselves indebted to the store are requested to call and make prompt settlement.

Respectfully,
J. H. M. MORRISON.

Lima, O., Dec. 12, 1905.

RECEIVER'S SALE OF GROCERY STORE.

Pursuant to an order of the Common Pleas Court I will receive sealed bids for the stock of groceries and store fixtures at No. 683 south Main street, Lima, O., being the store heretofore conducted by Charles W. Moonsey. Said bids will be received up to 12 o'clock noon, Friday, December 22, 1905, at my office, No. 410 Holland building, Lima, Ohio.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Appraised value \$2510.65. A copy of the inventory is on file at my office where it may be inspected at any time.

WARREN J. McLAUGHLIN,
Receiver.

JOHN W. ROBY, Attorney.
Lima, O., Dec. 12, 1905. 54-8t

NOTICE.

For Sale: Sealed bids will be received up to twelve o'clock noon of Wednesday, December 20th, 1905, at the office of Richie and Richie, attorneys, Lima, O. for each of the following houses:

The one and one-half (1½) story house situated at 781 north Main street, Lima, Ohio.

The two (2) story house situated at 785 north Main street in said city.

The two (2) story house situated at 789 north Main street in said city.

The one and one-half (1½) story house situated at 797 north Main street in said city.

Out buildings and appurtenances on each lot to go with the house.

Bids to be separate as to each house.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Buildings to be removed from the premises within sixty (60) days after said December 20th, 1905.

Certified check for the sum of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, must be filed with each bid to guarantee the taking of the property if the bid should be accepted as to any portion thereof.

LIMA & TOLEDO TRACTION CO.,
24-teed Richie & Richie, Attorneys.

LEGAL NOTICE.

The unknown heirs of Jacob Hook, deceased, will take notice

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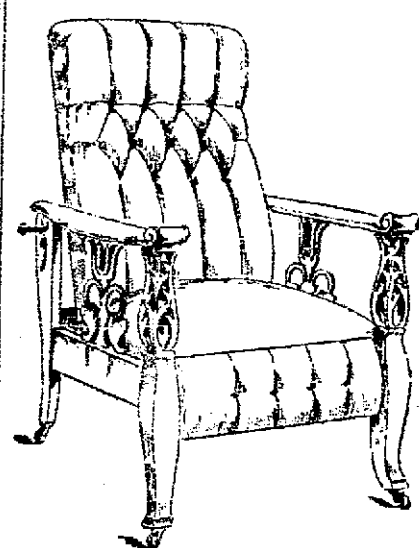
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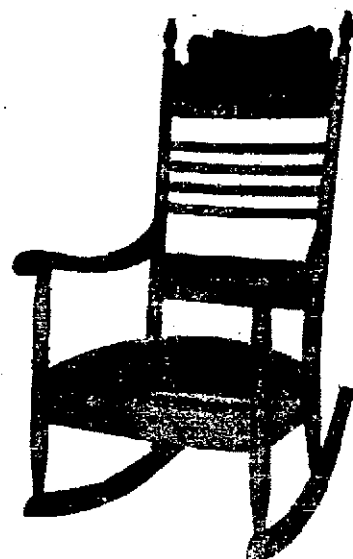
"There is so much good in the worst of us
And so much bad in the best of us
That it hardly behooves any of us
To talk about the rest of us."

Let's make Christmas a joyous season. The man or woman who does not give something as a gift loses the Christmas cheer.



The Streit Morris Chairs.

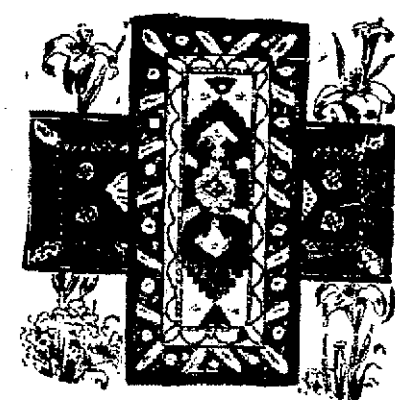
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This Rocker

Combines beauty and comfort: all leather seats and fine quartered oak back.

Price \$9.00.



Mothers Always

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On all our Upholstered Pieces, these are genuine reductions, compare with other dealers and see where we save you 20 per cent.

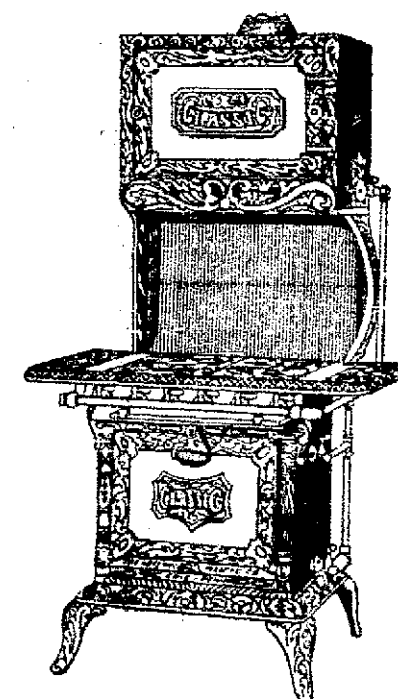


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A rich looking Xmas Gift.



This Fine

Elevated oven Gas Range, just received. The newest thing out, come and see it.

The Holiday rush is on at this store. This is the Beauty Store. We can arrange terms to suit you. OUR MOTTO---BEST QUALITY, LOW PRICES.

BY A MAD DOG

Child Was Bitten Four Weeks Ago,

Resulted in Genuine Case of Hydrophobia Causing Death.

WITH SNAP AND SNARL

Vicious Canine Pounded Upon Three-Year-Old Near Allentown.

Infection of the Disease Appeared Baffling Physicians' Efforts.

A genuine case of hydrophobia, or rabies, of the most pronounced type, resulted fatally today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Strayer, who live near the Allentown road, about three miles west of this city. The victim was Mr. and Mrs. Strayer's little daughter, Lucile Strayer, aged 2 years and 11 months. She suffered terribly during the course of the terrible ailment which befel her and nothing the attending physician could do seemed to have the slightest effect day after day. Mrs. Strayer formerly lived in this city.

dreaded rabies. Twenty-seven days ago the little girl was playing in the road in front of her home when a strange and peculiar acting dog was seen approaching from the direction of this city. Some one of the family who saw the dog approaching, called to the child to hurry into the yard but before she did so the animal was upon her and with a snap and a snarl it sprang at her face and sank its teeth into one of her cheeks. The wound itself was not of an alarming nature but the behavior of the dog indicated that it was suffering from an attack of rabies and after the little girl had been cared for the animal was followed and it was finally killed but not until it had bitten several cattle with which it came in contact in the fields.

Gradually the infection of the disease appeared in the child. She became ill and within a short time the symptoms of hydrophobia developed in a very pronounced state. She was well cared for by a physician who was called, but nothing that was done proved effective in the effort to stay the disease and the little victim's sufferings continued until death came to her relief at 11 o'clock this morning.

The funeral of the little girl will be held from the M. E. church at Elida, at 10 o'clock Thursday morning and the body will be interred in Greenlawn cemetery.

THE SUSAN SNOW FUNERAL.

The remains of Susan Snow, who died Saturday at Venetia, were interred in the Dutch Hollow cemetery, three miles north of this city, yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Snow formerly lived in this city.

IN THE COURTS

Suit in Partition of Tenants in Common.

First Baptist Church to Sell Realty on West Street

WAS DECLARED SANE

After Alice Faurot Had Been Taken Before Probate.

General News of Capitol and Legal Matters of a Day.

Charles W. McDowell and Daniel E. Sherick are plaintiffs in a suit for partition of 68 acres of land located in Bath township, which they hold as tenants in common along with Bert and Van Myers, minors, and in which lands Thos. Whiting claims some interest. Plaintiffs desire they be allowed to hold their respective interests of one-third in severalty and ask the court to make apportionment, or if this is impractical, to have said realty sold and the cash divided, and that said Thos. Whiting be required to set



up what interest he may have, or be forever barred.

HAVE TAKEN ACTION
First Baptist Church Enters Court To Sell Realty.

The trustees of the First Baptist church, who have it is said accepted the offer of James O. Ohler for the property at the corner of West and High streets, one hundred feet square, have filed pleadings in the common pleas court for permission to convey realty. This requires an advertising period of four weeks before said deed can be authorized.

THE SIXTH WITNESS
Takes the Stand in the Culp Will Case.

The sixth witness is now on the stand in the Culp will hearing before Judge Stephen A. Armstrong, and attorneys are keeping up an incessant volley of questions and cross questions which threaten to continue to the end of the present term.

ADJUDGED INSANE
Efforts of Mary DeVoe Were Unavailing in Court.

Alice Faurot was brought before the probate court this morning on an affidavit filed against her by Mary DeVoe, attacking her sanity. The medical examination and the testimony of the prisoner's brother, Sherman Wells, and his daughter, Alice Wells, convinced the court that the Faurot woman was perfectly sane and she was dismissed from custody.

EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS TREES.
2000 arbor vitae evergreens for sale. From 5 to 8 feet in height. Just the right size for family Christmas trees. Order now by letter or postal card and the trees will be delivered to your home Friday or Saturday. Prices 75c and \$1.00. Address Irving Garwood, Ada, Ohio.

JOURNEYMEN
Barbers Elected Officers Last Evening.

Last evening at the meeting of the local lodge No. 58, International Barbers Union, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, H. C. Lutz; vice president, L. Arnold; financial secretary, P. J. Simons; recording secretary, E. K. Kenech; treasurer, F. A. Hagerman; guide, Porter Ward; guard, Scott Cramer; trustees, R. Dingle, Carl Shepherd and Ray Shetterly.

For \$19.75
We have a fine Turkish leather rocker. You can't match it for less than \$39.00. HARMAN'S.

Just arrived—a large assortment of jardiniere and umbrella stands that will be sold at special prices and you will regret it if you wait until all are picked over. The Simons-Roush Co.

E. S. BIERLY FUNERAL.
The funeral of E. S. Bierly, of Bath township, will be held at the Sugar Creek church at 10:30 sun time, tomorrow morning. Instead of at the residence as announced yesterday.

NEW EXPRESS CAR
Of the Van Wert Line Put Into Commission.

The first of the express cars on the Ft. Wayne, Van Wert & Lima Traction Co., is in service on that road now, leaving here daily at 8:30 o'clock. All shipments are loaded from the new traction freight depot near the C. H. & D. There will be a car each way until the arrival of the others which are expected in a few days.

Have you seen the combination writing desks and chairs for children at Hoover & Co. 58-60

YOUR BRAIN IN A WHIRL. WHY? STOLZENBACH CANDIES WILL PLEASE FATHER, MOTHER, SISTER, BROTHER, FRIEND OR SWEETHEART.

You will find the largest assortment of mirrors at the Simons-Roush Co. Prices are right.

OUT OF COURT
The Judge Charged the Case of the Plaintiff.

After the charge of Judge Mowen yesterday in the case of Rupp vs. Gearhart, it required the jury just ten minutes to return a verdict for the defendant of no cause of action. Rupp had brought action to recover from his landlord the value of diamonds and watches stolen from his room.

Did you ever see the large picture that the Simons-Roush Co. are selling for 50c.

Remember our stock of books, pictures and fancy calendars when thinking of your friends.

CITY BOOK STORE.
FINE XMAS TREES.
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TEST WELL
Being Drilled in the Beaverdam Field.

New ventures for crude petroleum in the Trenton rock fields are few and far between, but when it comes to an initial test outside defined territory they are very, very scarce. In the latter class, Ryan E. Fox are moving the timbers for an initial venture on the Cribley farm, about one mile north of Beavertown, which will be watched with interest.

Better get prices on Furniture, Carpets, Stoves, Dishes, Lamps, etc., at the Simons-Roush Co., before you buy.

Hoover & Co. have just received a full line of Morris chairs and rockers. Any of these would make a beautiful Xmas present.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

At a little after the noon hour yesterday, the seven months old infant of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Piper, of 100 north West street, passed away. Funeral services will be held at the residence at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and interment will be made in the Dunkard cemetery, four miles north of this city.

Nothing would please your wife better than to buy her a Bissell Carpet Sweeper at Hoover & Co. 58-60

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL.

The revival meeting at 2nd St. M. E. church, conducted by the Pastor D. R. Cook and Evangelist Swearingen is awakening much interest, and the attendance is growing with each meeting. Quite a few have already experienced a desire to lead a better life. Services each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

\$5.00 FROM DELPHOS TO ST. LOUIS AND RETURN.
via Clover Leaf Route, Dec. 23 and 24 1905, return Monday evening. 58-60